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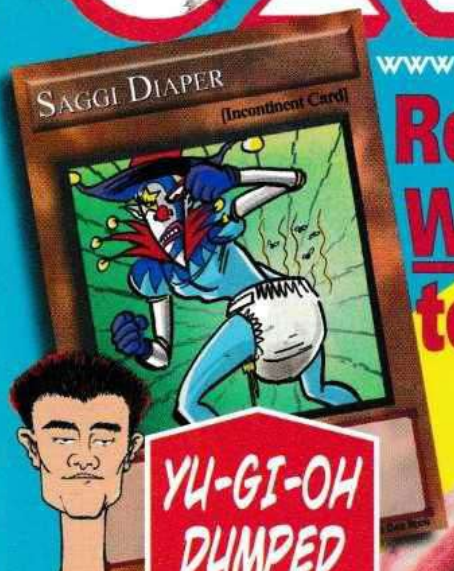

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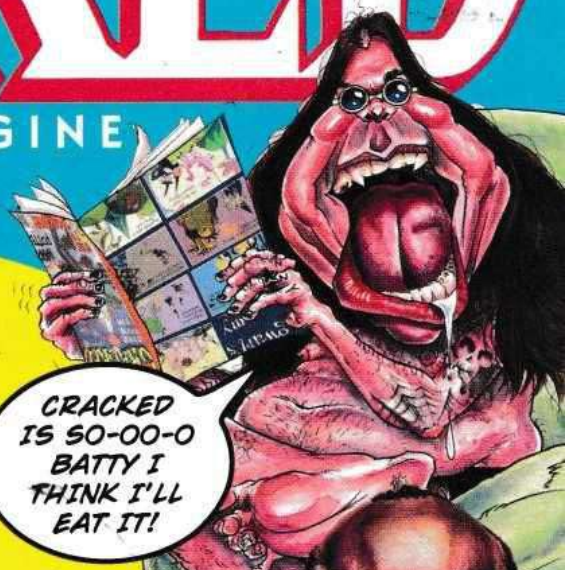

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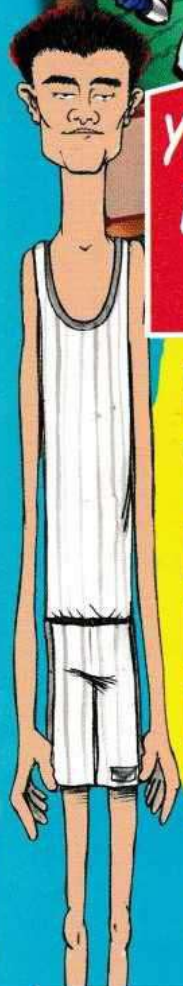

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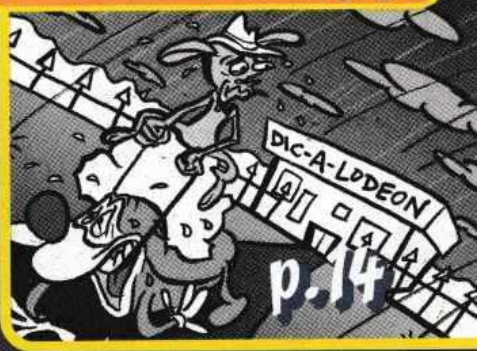

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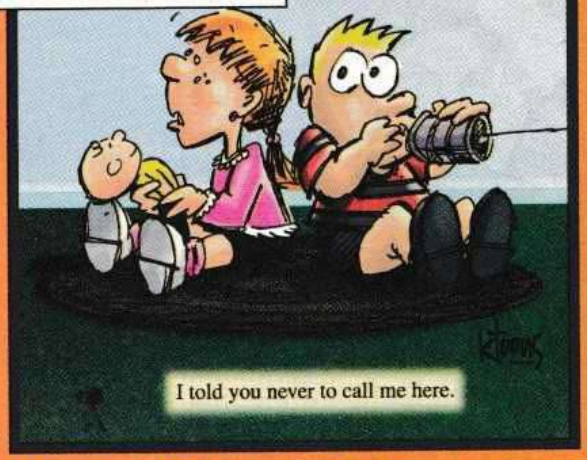

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What IS rock

EVER SINCE ELVIS PRESLEY POUNDED NAILS INTO THE COFFINS OF BIG BAND MUSIC, FOLKS HAVE SOUGHT THE ANSWER TO ONE OF OUR MODERN ERA'S GREATEST MYSTERIES: JUST WHAT IS ROCK N' ROLL ANYWAY? CRACKED MAGAZINE ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THIS RIDDLE ONCE AND FOR ALL!

Written by:
Scott "Go-Go" Gosar
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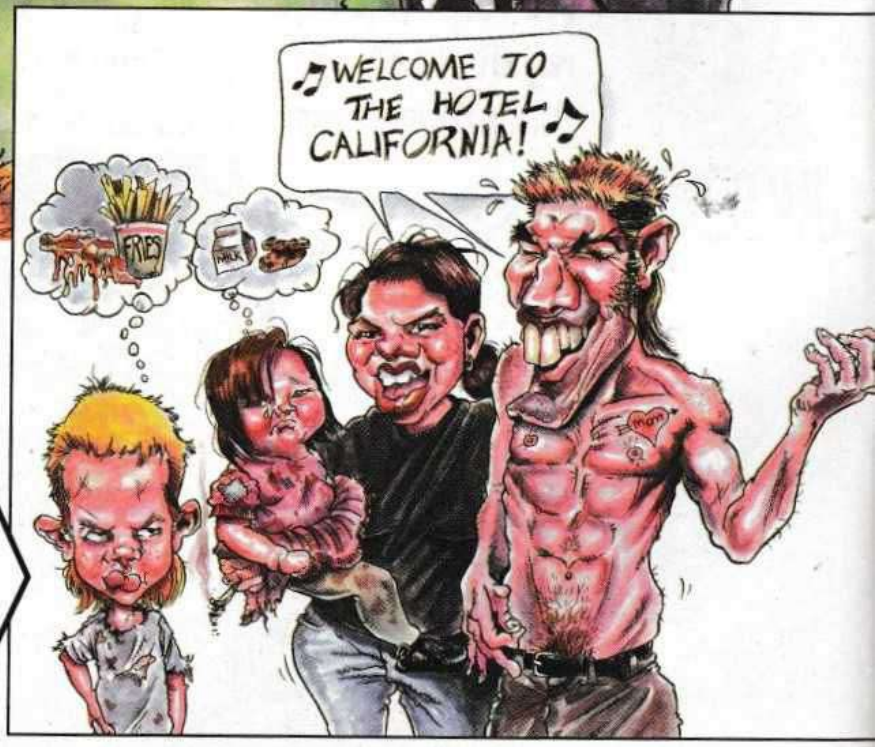
"Jamming" Jason Seiler

ROCK N' ROLL: IT'S HOW ***OZZY OSBOURNE*** DEVELOPED HIS RAZOR-SHARP MENTALITY AND FINE-TUNED HIS KEEN SENSE OF AWARENESS!

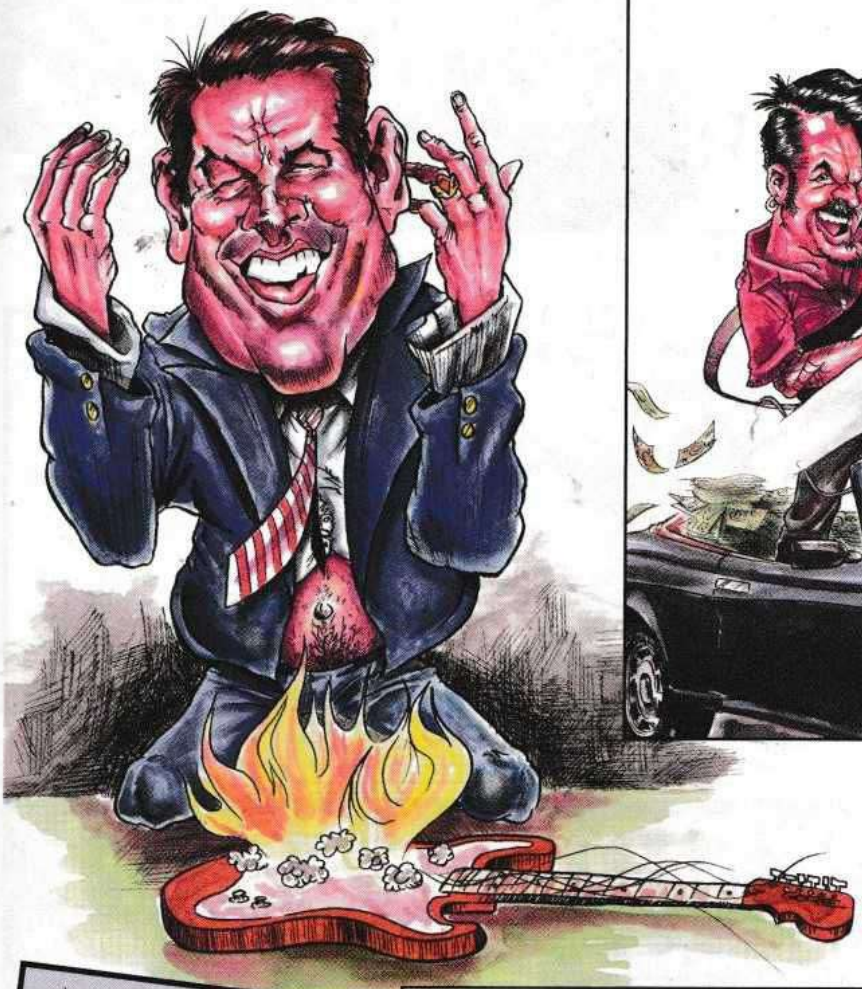
ROCK N' ROLL: IS WHERE $300 THAT COULD HAVE FED YOUR FAMILY FOR A MONTH WILL BUY YOU TWO "NOSEBLEED" SEATS AT AN ***EAGLES*** CONCERT.



THAT AGE-OLD QUESTION:

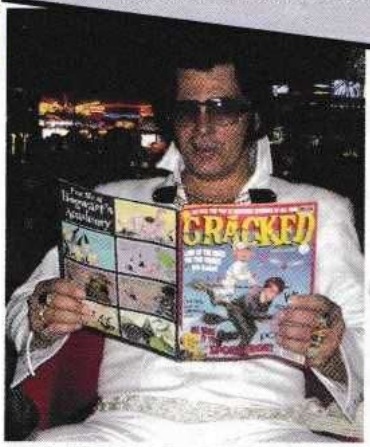
n'roll?

ROCK N' ROLL: WHERE MULTI-MILLIONAIRE PERFORMERS RAKE IN THE BIG BUCKS BY SINGING ABOUT BEING BROKE, STARVING AND LIVING ON MEAN CITY!



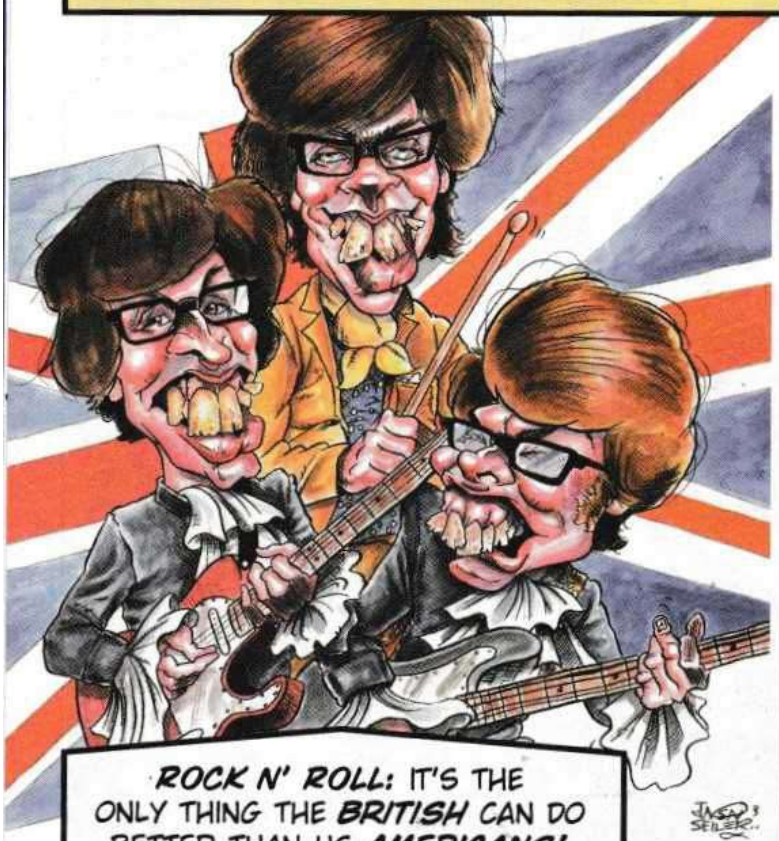
ROCK N' ROLL: WAS **NOT** INVENTED BY **AL GORE!**

ROCK N' ROLL: IT'S WHERE THE WORDS "HOPE I DIE BEFORE I GET OLD" ARE SUNG BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, RARELY PRACTICED.



THE KING ALIVE? Scott Gosar caught "Elvis" reading Cracked in Las Vegas!

ROCK N' ROLL: SO POPULAR THAT DOING DRUGS, SHAGGING GROUPIES AND REBELLING AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT WILL ULTIMATELY GET YOU ***KNIGHTED*** AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE!



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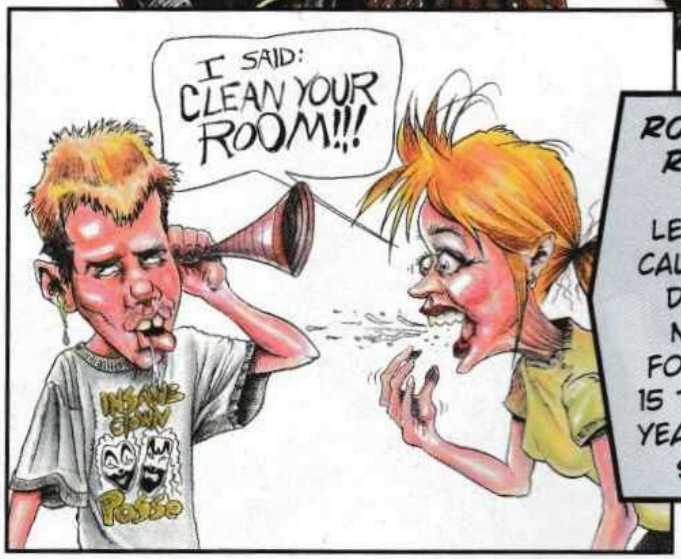

ROCK N' ROLL: THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEAF-NESS FOR THE 15 TO 20-YEAR-OLD SET.

THE LIGHTER SIDE of SCI-FI

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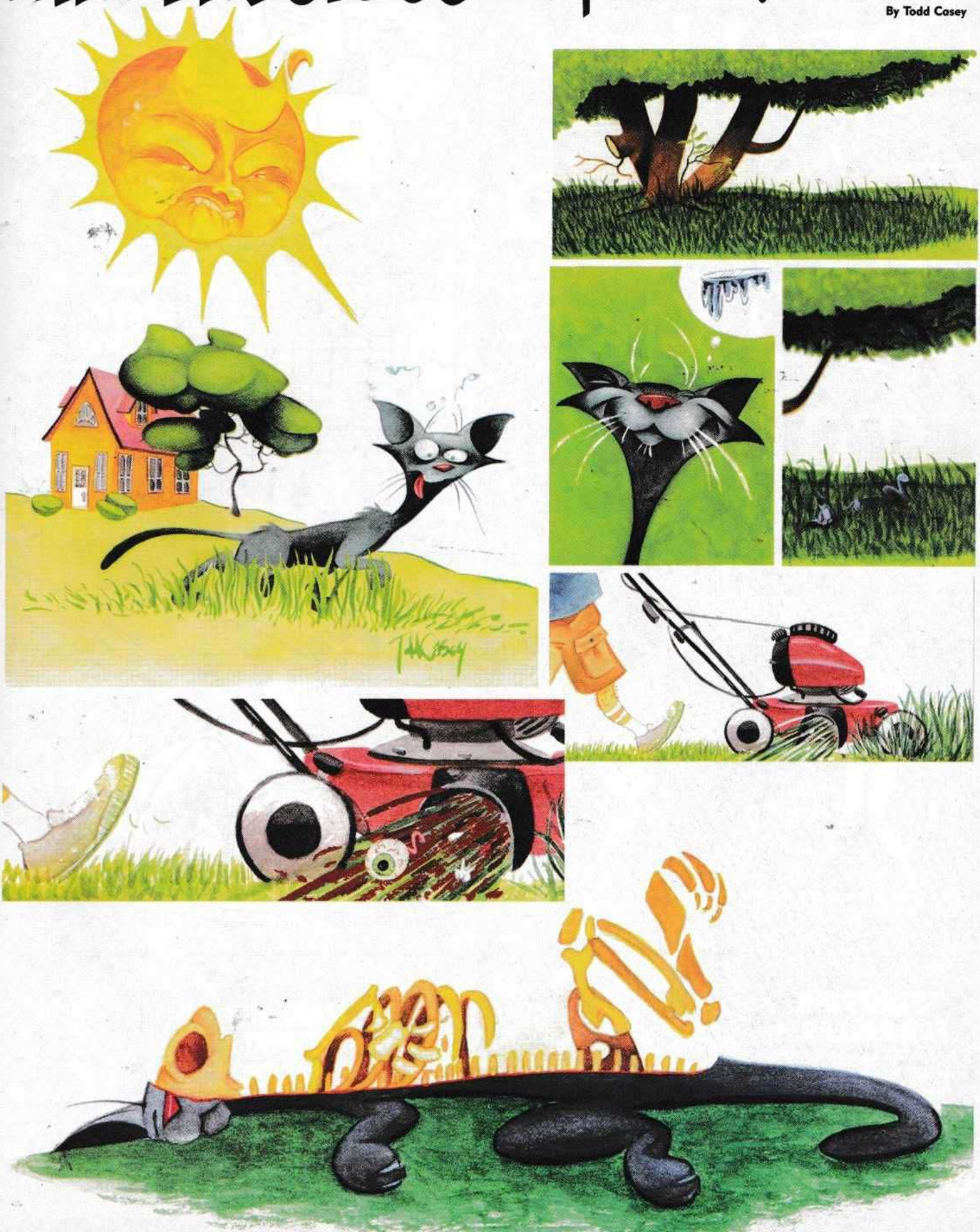
MR. PRECIOUS in 'A place in the shade!'

By Todd Casey



Over the years, audiences have gotten so fed up with the bad writing found in most TV dramas and sitcoms, they'd rather watch shows that have no writers at all! And so we have the REALITY TV SHOW boom. There are dozens of these shows, each one more popular and insipid than the next. If this trend continues, here are some . . .

REALITY TV SHOWS WE'D LIKE TO SEE!

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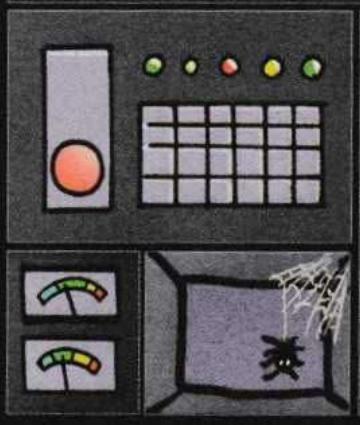
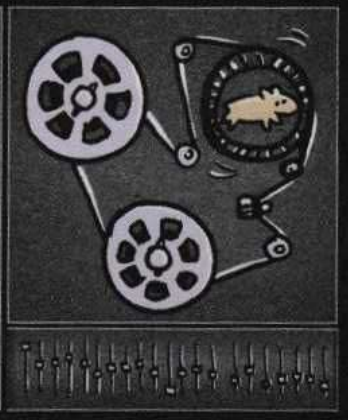


HEAVY HITTERS!

Contestants are weighed before they begin a months-long eating contest. The first one to pack on 100 pounds, wins! Contestants who die from over-eating are automatically disqualified.

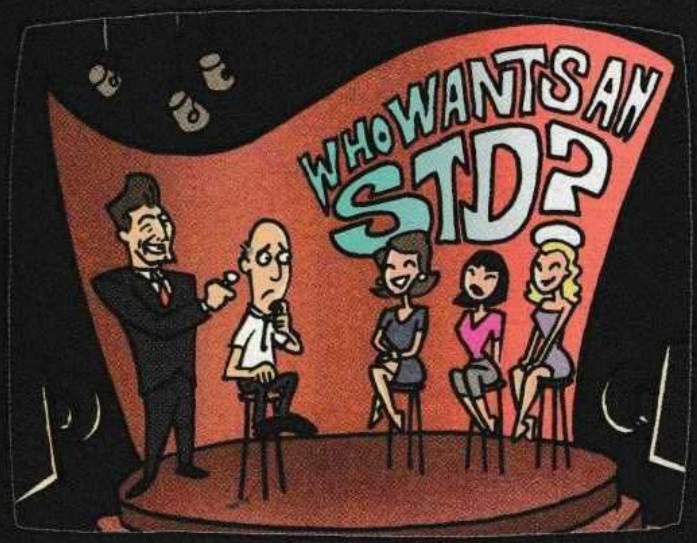
STRIPPING FOR DOLLARS!

Two hot babes are placed into a strip club. Whichever one gets the most tips in 30 minutes wins! Anything goes in this game. Girls are encouraged to do whatever it takes to win, including lesbianism! Hey, it sure beats BOWLING FOR DOLLARS!



MAKE ME DRUNK!

Contestants must perform a series of challenging stunts — while getting drunk at the same time! Each competitor must consume huge amounts of alcohol, making each stunt more and more challenging! The winner is the last man standing!



WHO WANTS AN STD?

A new twist in dating shows. A man must choose between three women to have unprotected sex with. Two of the women have sexually transmitted diseases, one is clean. The man has to make the right choice, or he'll end up with genital warts, herpes, or worse!

CAUGHT IN THE ACT!

This is a fun one. We send a sexy babe to visit a married man, to try to bust up his happy marriage. If the gal succeeds in getting the guy to cheat on his wife, she wins big. If the man is unable to resist the sultry siren, he faces a humiliating divorce on national TV!

ANYTHING FOR MONEY!

What would you do for money? Would you have sex with a 90 year old lady? Turn gay for just one night? Give an old man a sponge bath? Eat dog poop? This is the show that pushes your ethics to the limit, as we find out just how far the average American is willing to go for a few lousy bucks!

PIMP FOR A DAY!

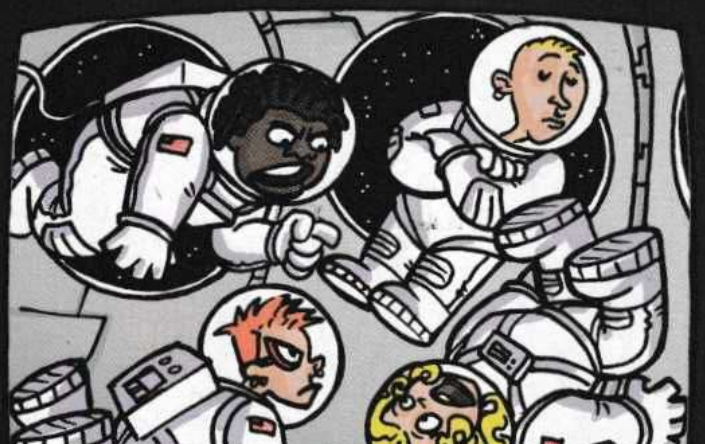
This show lets ordinary people try exciting new careers for one day. A businessman can be a pimp... an ordinary housewife can be a high-priced call girl... and a pizza delivery boy can be a heart surgeon!

THE PICK UP ARTISTS!

Two men compete to see who can pick up the most girls. Watch them as they cruise singles bars, trying to score with the hottest chicks. Every phone number they get is worth five points. A smooching session is worth 10. And banging a broad is worth a whopping 25 points!

JOE HOMELESS!

Contestants are forced to live on the streets of New York City for one month with no food and no money. They must survive on their wits alone, panhandling for spare change and sleeping in subway stations. The winner gets a million bucks -- IF he survives!



LOST IN SPACE!

If they could turn the BEVERLY HILLBILLIES into a reality show, let's bring back some other classic shows and do the same to them! This show strands seven strangers in a rocket in the middle of outer space, and they have to work together to find their way home! Cast includes all your reality TV favorites: the angry black guy, the slutty girl, the quirky girl, and the gay guy!

GANGSTA RAP IDOL!

Rappers compete, AMERICAN IDOL-style, in a contest to determine who's the most bad-ass amateur rapper in the country. Rappers are judged based on how many drugs they can sell, how many ho's they can get working for them on the streets, and how many bullets they can take!

In the BAD OLD DAYS

Your parents love to drone on and on about how rough they had it when they were youngsters. It is true that, thanks to the rapidly advancing pace of technology that today's world is very different from "way back when". But as the cliche goes, "the more things change, the more they stay the same." CRACKED explores this theory in. . .

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In The "Bad Old Days" — Ed Sullivan promised us a "really big show".

In The "Better Days" — Jerry Springer promises us a "really big fight between two neo-Nazi lesbians.

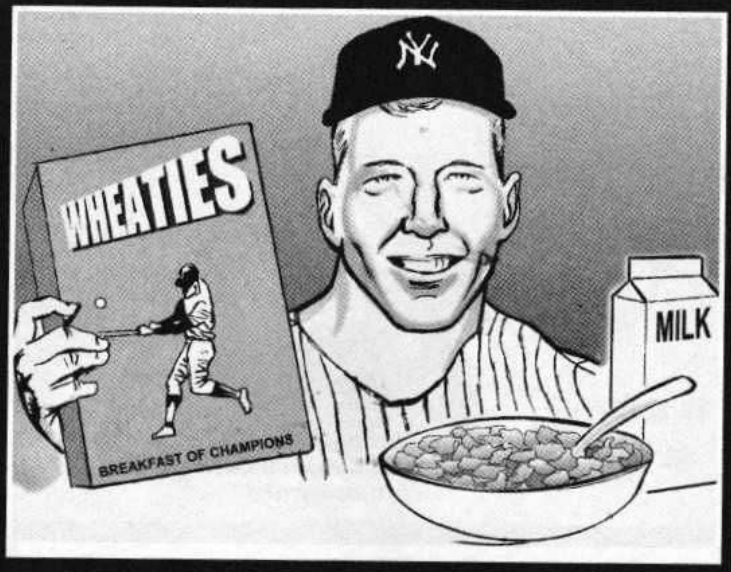
In The "Bad Old Days" — going to school meant countless hours of studying, research, and turning out multi-paged assignments on a creaky old typewriter with a worn-out ribbon.

In The "Better Days" — websites like "stealthistermpaper.com" provide valuable services that fulfill your educational requirements and free up precious time for more important activities.

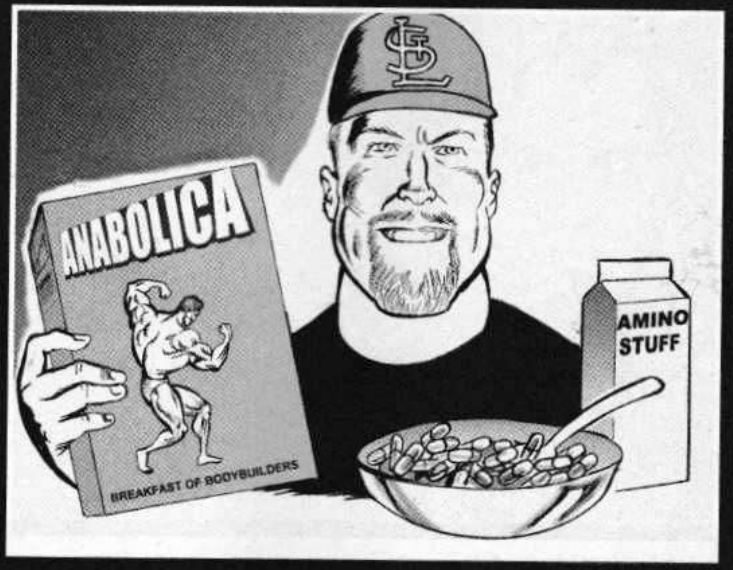
In The "Bad Old Days"...Dad had to walk five miles to and from school in the snow every day.

In The "Better Days"...Mom has to drive you five blocks to and from school every day while yakking endlessly on her cell phone, which makes the trip far more dangerous than it ever was before.

In The "Bad Old Days"...Mickey Mantle said that eating his Wheaties made him big and strong.

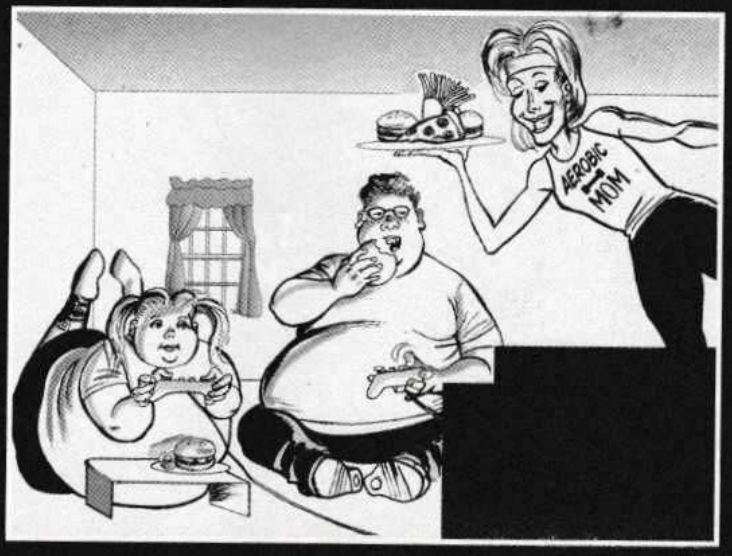


In The "Better Days"... modern sports heroes like Mark McGuire encourage kids to take muscle-enhancing steroids so they can hit home runs just like the pros!

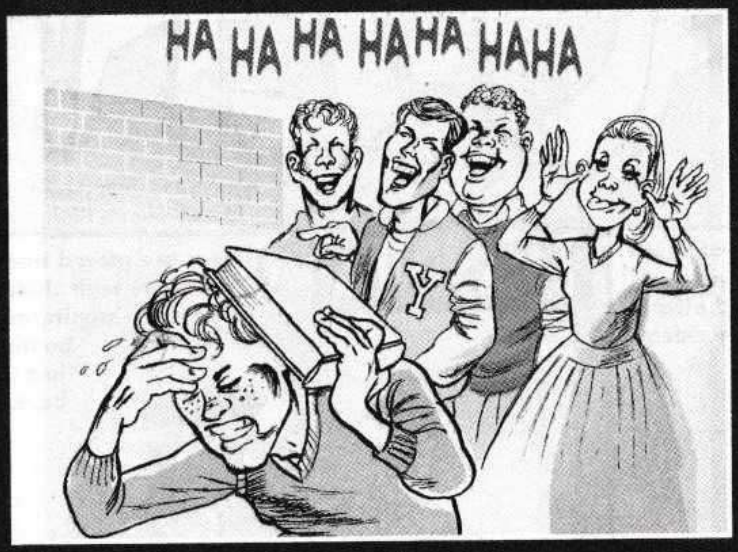


In The "Bad Old Days"...shooting marbles on the playground allowed kids to demonstrate skill, coordination and the ability to play fair.

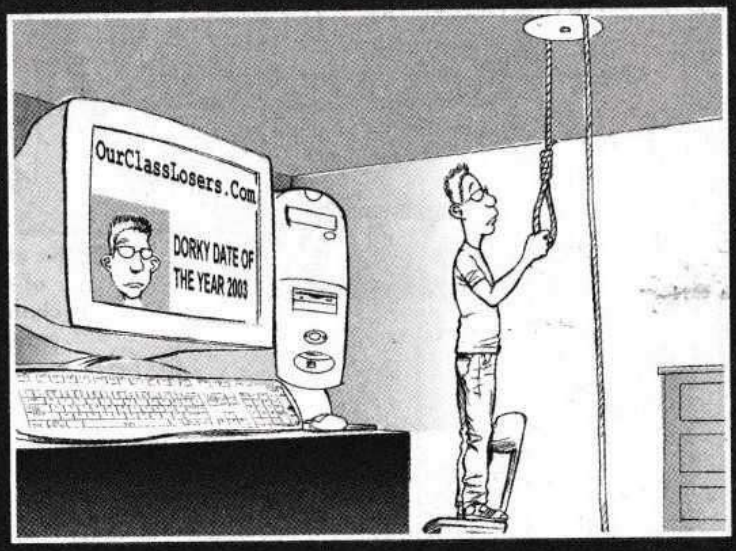
In The "Better Days"... kids develop sharp eye-hand coordination and shooting skills with video games, but they also grow fatter by the year, since they've long forgotten how to move!



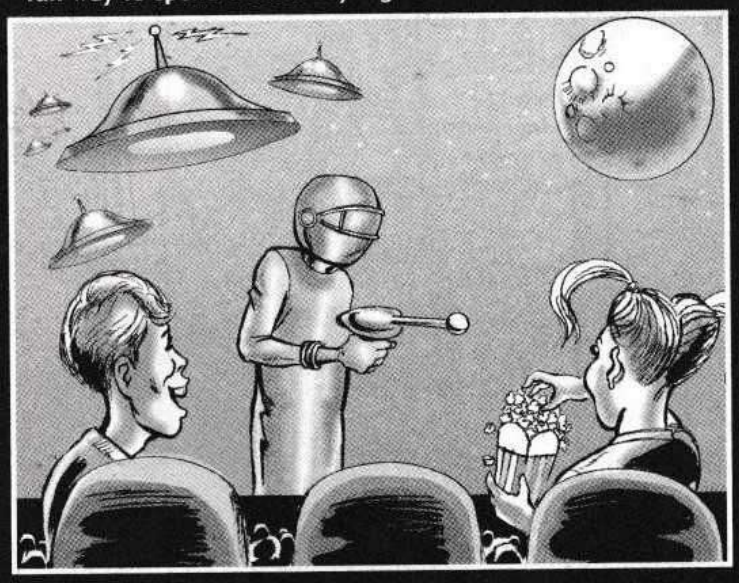
In The "Bad Old Days"...if you had an embarrassingly bad date, the whole school would know about it the next day, thanks to Buffy Bowers and her big mouth.



In The "Better Days"... if you had an embarrassingly bad date, the whole world will know about it the next day, thanks to Carrie Lynn Schmaltz and her website.



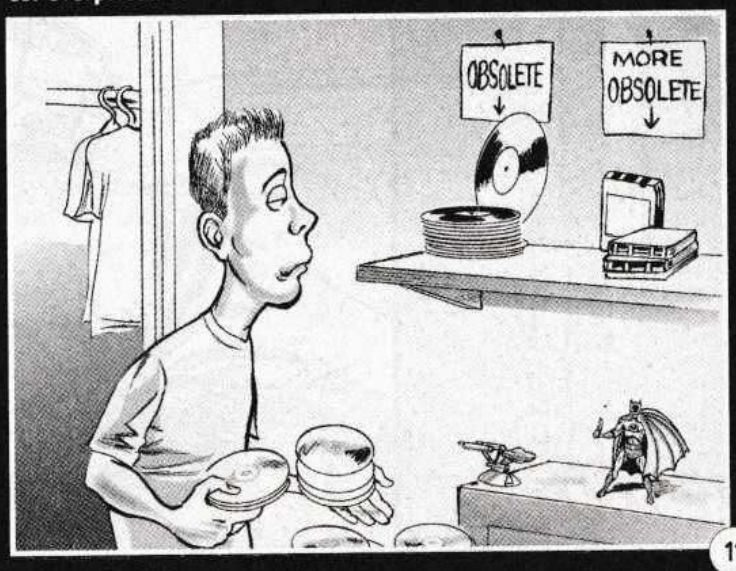
In The "Bad Old Days"... sci-fi movies featured outrageous concepts, bad acting and cheesy effects, but were still a fun way to spend a Saturday night.



In The "Better Days"... filmmakers have access to state-of-the-art digital technology that allows them to create anything they can imagine. So what do we get? Jar-Jar Binks!

In The "Bad Old Days"... music came in the form of vinyl records, which warped, scratched and melted in the sun.

In The "Better Days"... ever-changing recording formats force fans to re-purchase their entire collection of music in the latest overpriced format.



YAO-LA!

The biggest surprise in the NBA has been the emergence of 7-foot, 5-inch Yao Ming. But what if the Chinese export hadn't played basketball? What if his parents had pushed him into another sport? CRACKED takes a peek into what could have been sports history!

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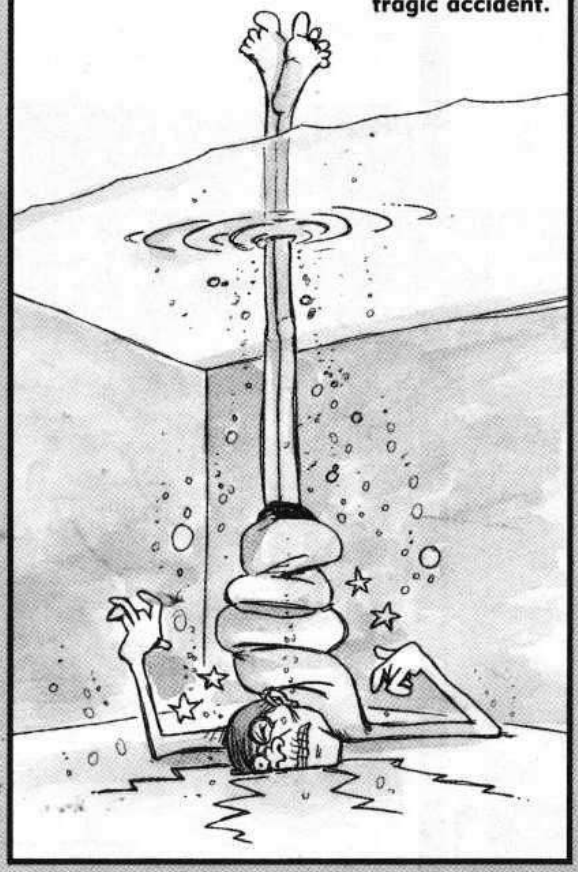
DIVING

The official depth of diving pools is changed after a tragic accident.

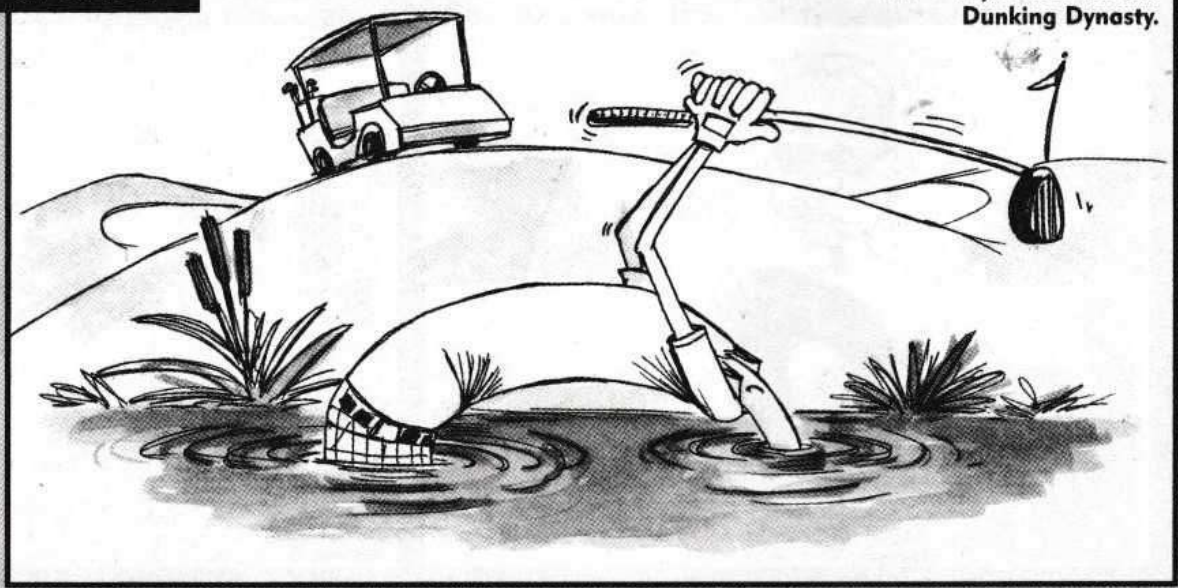


TENNIS

Judges are moved from courtside high chairs to video monitoring booths "just in case."

GOLF

Water hazards are not a problem for the Dunking Dynasty.



HOCKEY

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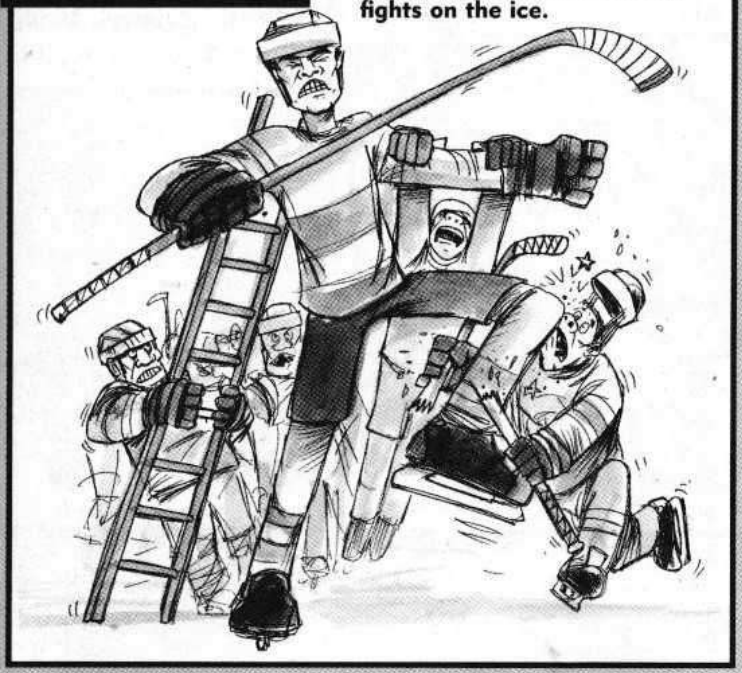
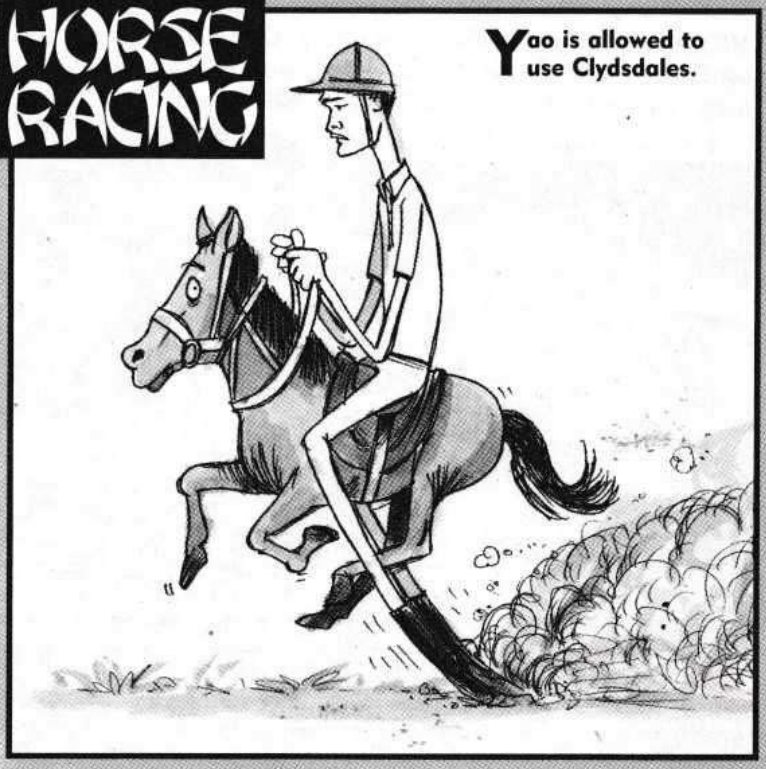


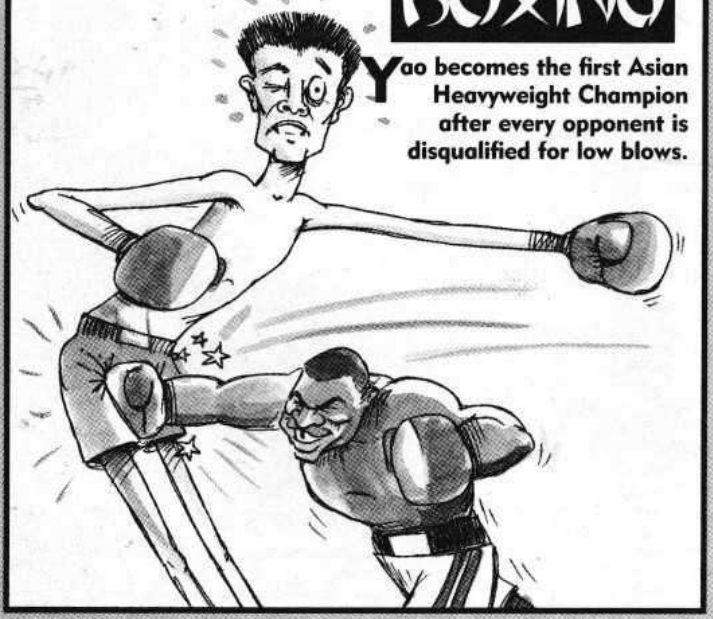
HORSE RACING

Yao is allowed to use Clydsdales.



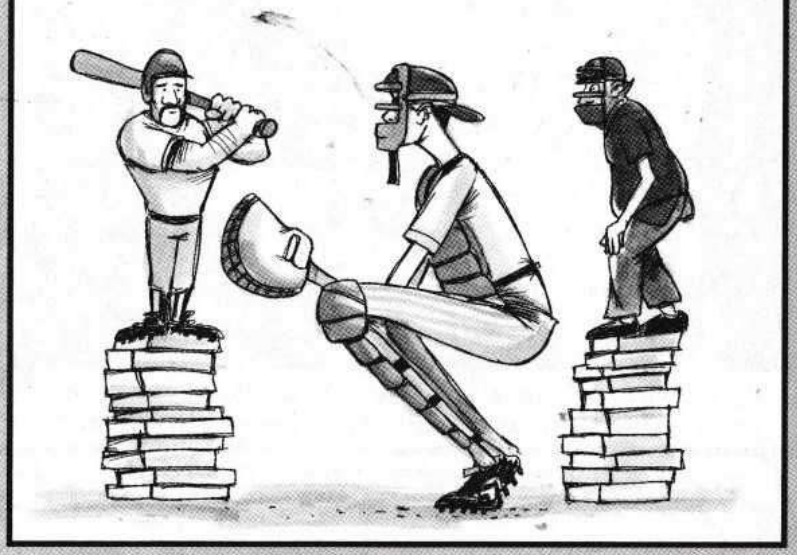
BOXING

Yao becomes the first Asian Heavyweight Champion after every opponent is disqualified for low blows.



BASEBALL

The strike zone is altered to accomodate Yao.



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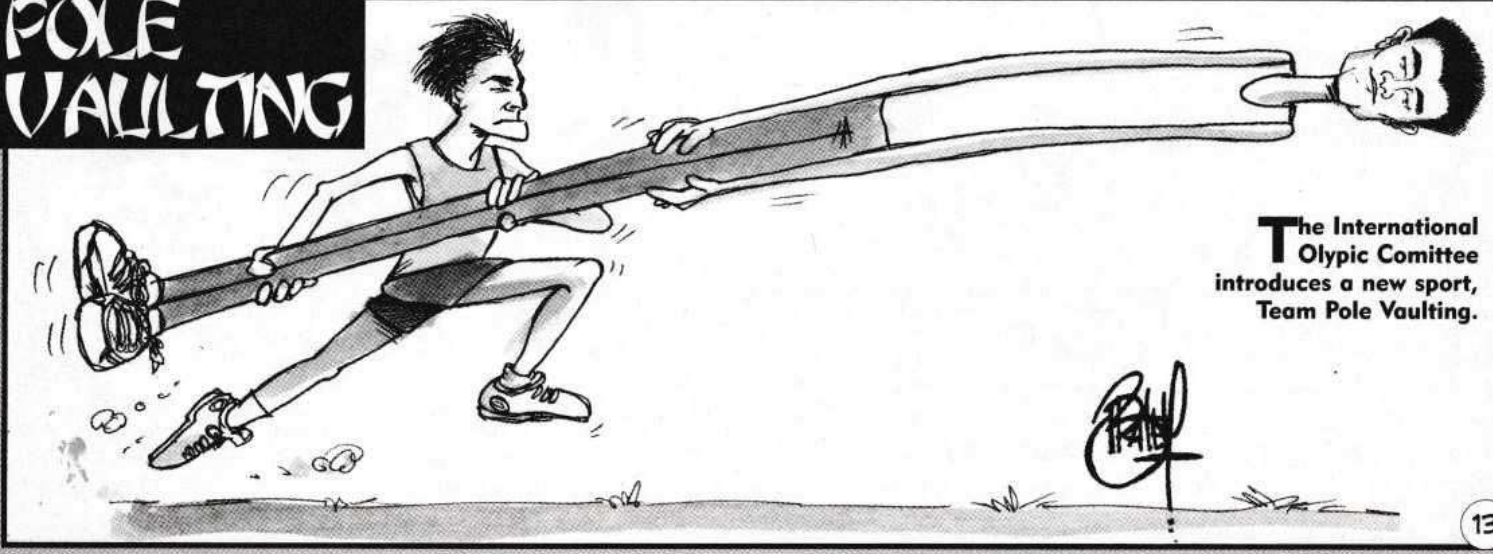

The International Olypic Comittee introduces a new sport, Team Pole Vaulting.

WELCOME BACK TO THE JAY LAME-O SHOW! JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT LATER ON THE SHOW WE'LL HAVE HOWLER MONKEYS FROM THE SAN DIEGO ZOO AND CHRISTINA AGUILERA WILL BE DOING HER LATEST HIT SONG, "PENICILLIN IN A BOTTLE."...
...AND NOW, I'D LIKE TO GET BACK TO OUR SPECIAL GUESTS AS WE FIND OUT...
...WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO...
RUIN & STUMPY?
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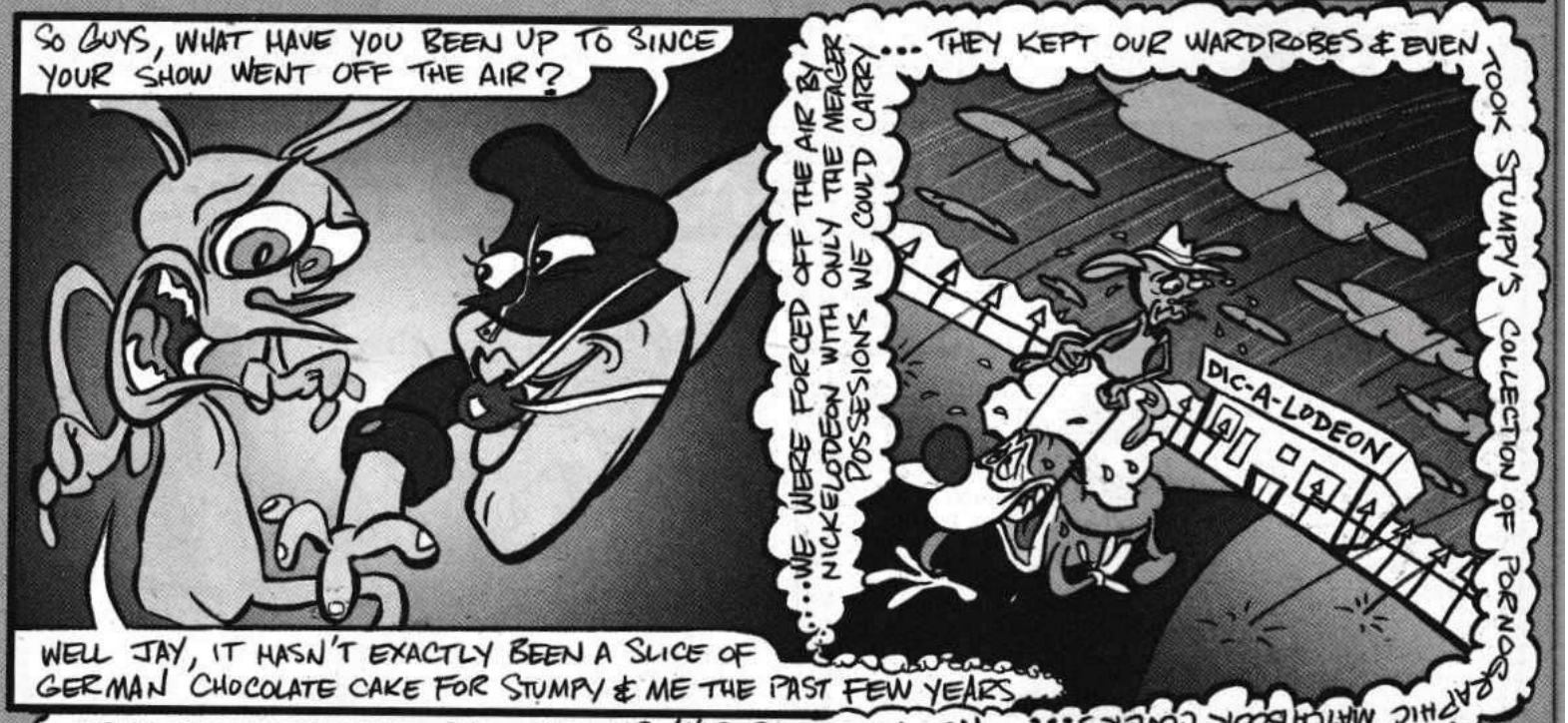
SO GUYS, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE YOUR SHOW WENT OFF THE AIR?
...WE WERE FORCED OFF THE AIR BY NICKELODEON WITH ONLY THE MEAGER POSSESSIONS WE COULD CARRY
...THEY KEPT OUR WARDROBES & EVEN TOOK STUMPY'S COLLECTION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATCHBOOK COVERS...
DIC-A-LODEON
WELL JAY, IT HASN'T EXACTLY BEEN A SLICE OF GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE FOR STUMPY & ME THE PAST FEW YEARS

WE TRIED TO STAY ON T.V. — WE EVEN ACCEPTED A JOB DOING A SIT-COM FOR THE WB NETWORK, BUT THEY CANNED US AFTER TWO WEEKS, STATING THAT WE WEREN'T BLACK ENOUGH. THEY ENDED UP REPLACING US WITH A COUPLE OF WAYANS BROTHERS!
GEE RUIN, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME FOR A ...UH... BOOTY CALL?
STUMPY, YOU BLOATED GASBAG! UM, I MEAN, YOU WACK BUSTA... GIT OUTTA MY FACE, BEEOTCH!
WE WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS FOR A TIME. WELL, WE DID GET AN OFFER FROM MICHAEL JACKSON, BUT LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT...
PERHAPS WE COULD SETTLE THIS WITH A SPIRITED GAME OF CANDYLAND OR DON'T SPILL THE BEANS?
I EVENTUALLY HAD TO TURN TO DOG FIGHTING, BUT NO ONE WANTED TO WATCH ME STANDING THERE LOSING CONTROL OF MY BODILY FUNCTIONS.**

STUMPY'S SOLO CAREER WAS EVEN MORE DISASTROUS! HE HAD TO SELL HIS OWN BLOOD... AND HE SOLD IT DOOR TO DOOR!
HELLO THERE! CAN I PUT YOU DOWN FOR A PINT TODAY?
...AND WE WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES FROM OUR SHOW WHO SUFFERED. POWDERED TOAST MAN WAS FORCED INTO A LIFE OF CRIME... SUPPLYING HIS POWDERED TOAST TO ROBERT DOWNY, JR.
AH, I CAN'T WAIT TO GET THIS STUFF IN MY NOS- UM, I MEAN MOUTH!
EVEN THE NOSE GOBLINS HAD TO FIND OTHER WORK... WELL, THEY FOUND EMPLOYMENT... YOU CAN'T CALL IT WORK... THEY BECAME STREET DEPARTMENT WORKERS...
ZZZZ
ZZZZzz
BUT OUR LONG NIGHTMARE IS OVER! WE'RE GOING TO BE A BIG SUCCESS AGAIN!
YOU MEAN BECAUSE OF THE NEW VERSION OF YOUR SHOW THAT'S COMING TO T.V. SOON?
NO! I MEAN BECAUSE OF OUR LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CARTOON NETWORK FOR THE 147 HOURS OF CARTOONS WITH "ATTITUDE" THEY SHOW EVERY WEEK!!!
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SIMPY DUMPKINS & SYLVESTER P. SMYTHE IN: IDLE AMERICANS

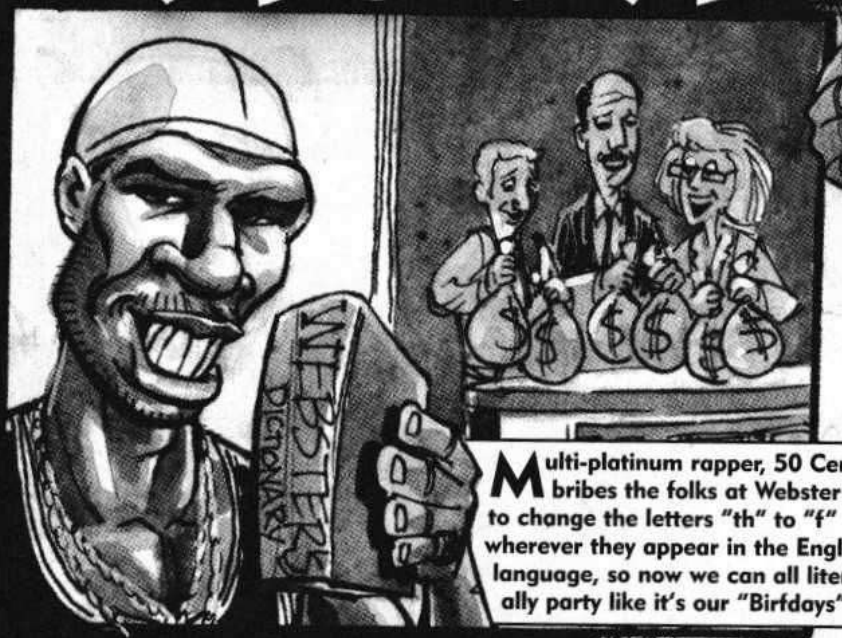
Writer: Barry Dutter • Artist: Noel "Scotch" Anderson

The stars of hip-hop are known for living extravagantly. The more rare or more importantly, expensive the item, the more likely one of these rich recording artists is to buy it. Here's a CRACKED look at rappers taking extraneous spending to the next level in a feature we'll call . . .

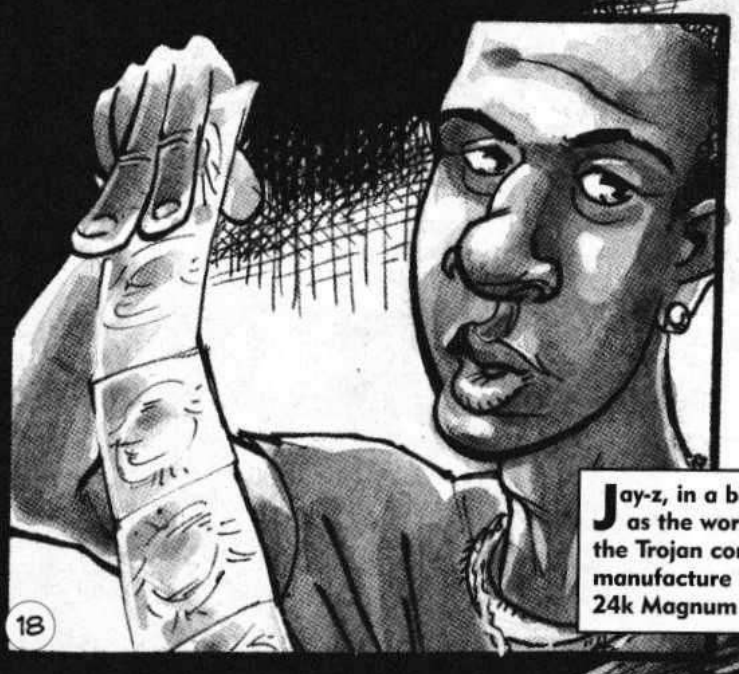
Writer: Bernie Soul
Artist: Dave Berns

BLING BLING DING-A-LINGS

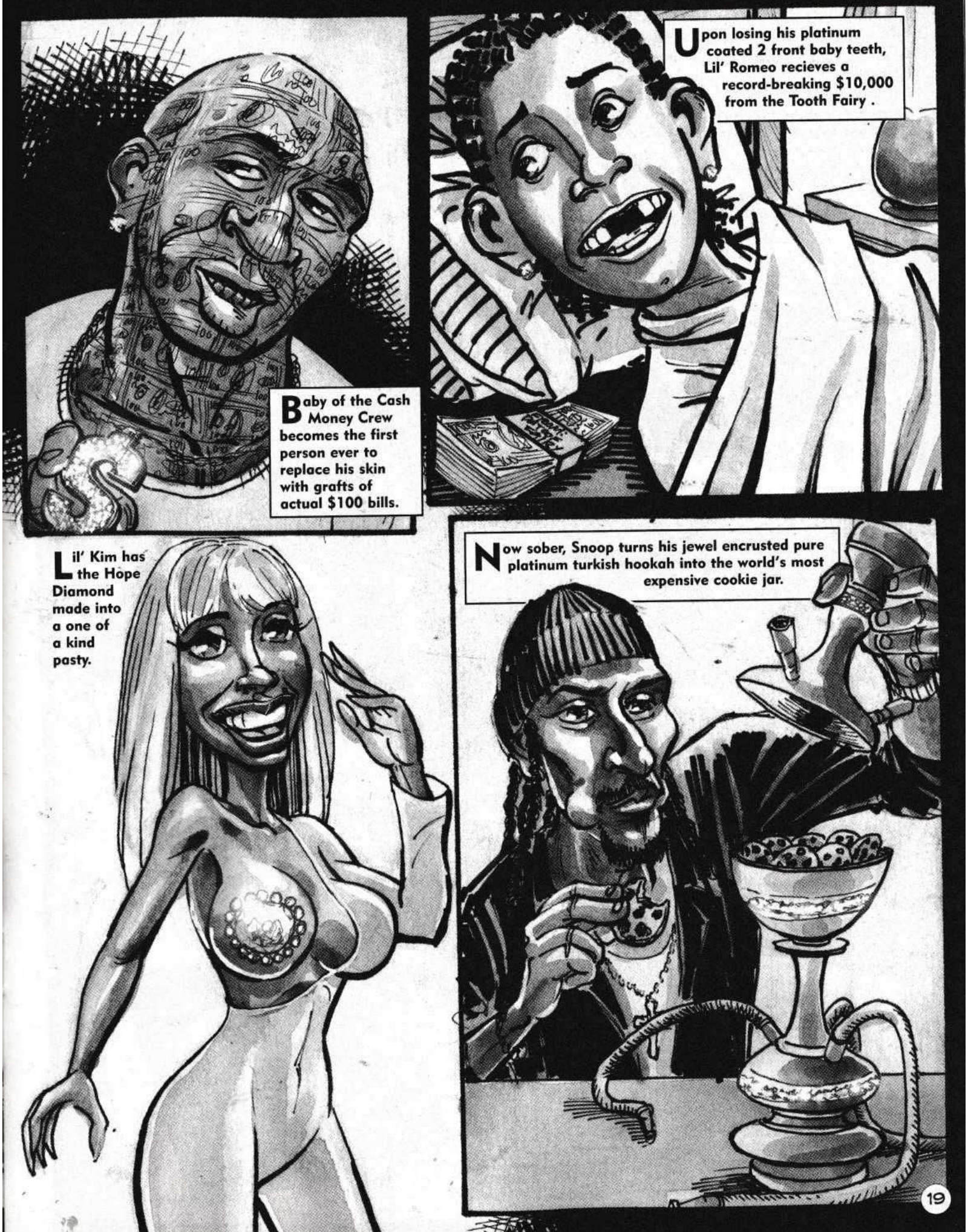
Puff Daddy, in an attempt to have the rarest most exotic collection of furs on earth, has comedian Robin Williams skinned and turned into a one-of-a-kind coat.



Multi-platinum rapper, 50 Cent, bribes the folks at Webster's to change the letters "th" to "f" wherever they appear in the English language, so now we can all literally party like it's our "Birfdays"!



Jay-z, in a bid to solidify his image as the world's ultimate player has the Trojan condom company specially manufacture him a 20-year supply of 24k Magnum condoms.

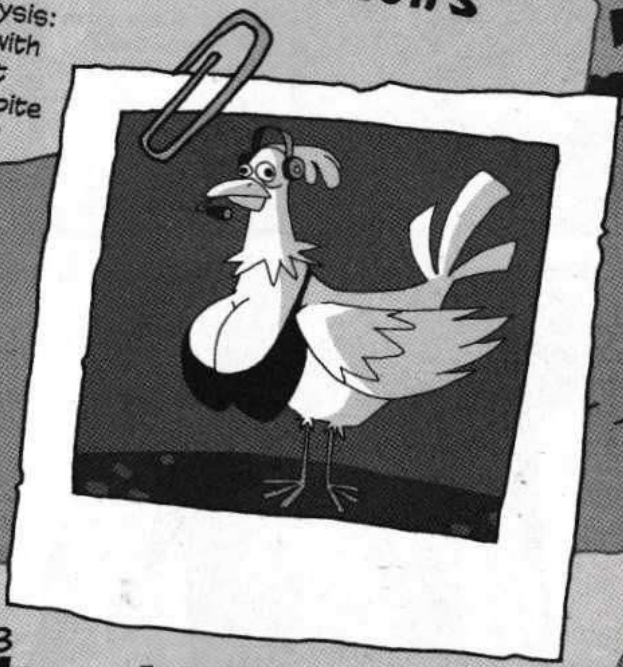

Upon losing his platinum coated 2 front baby teeth, Lil' Romeo recieves a record-breaking $10,000 from the Tooth Fairy .
Baby of the Cash Money Crew becomes the first person ever to replace his skin with grafts of actual $100 bills.
Lil' Kim has the Hope Diamond made into a one of a kind pasty.
Now sober, Snoop turns his jewel encrusted pure platinum turkish hookah into the world's most expensive cookie jar.

We've all heard the controversy about genetic manipulation of plants and animals when scientists insert DNA from one species into another in the hope of improving on nature. People around the world are becoming concerned that this may result in dangerous mutant species but they don't know the half of it – CRACKED has learned that these crazy egg-heads have started inserting celebrity genes into our common plants and animals. We managed to get a copy of the results so we can tell you what happened with...

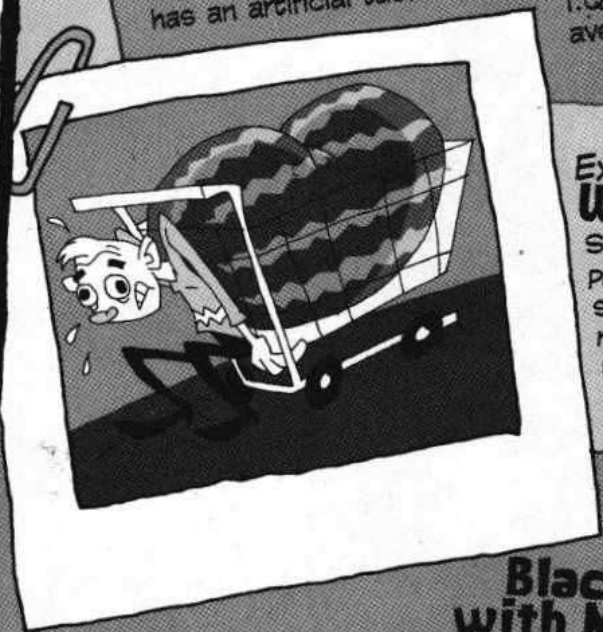
Celebrity Frankenfoods!

Writer: Huw Evans • Artist: Derrick Wyatt

Experiment #1
Pepper with Mike Tyson's DNA
Scientific Analysis: "Tough pepper with lots of punch but has tendency to bite back – keep away from ears!"

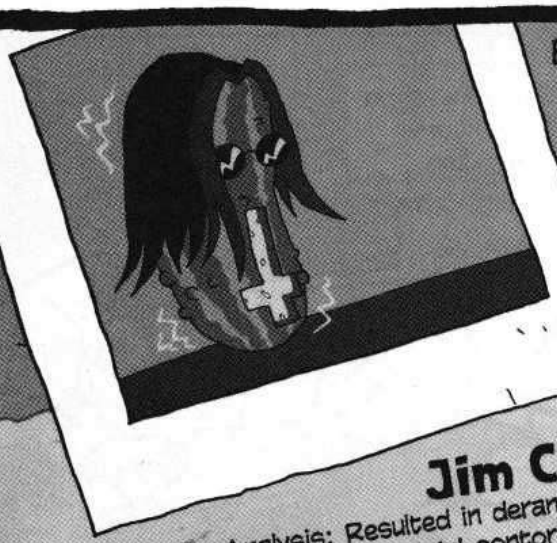


Experiment #2
Chicken with Britney Spears' DNA
Scientific Analysis: "Resulted in bird with very large amount of breast meat – unfortunately this has an artificial taste. Also seems to have lower I.Q. than your average chicken."



Experiment #3
Watermelon with J. Lo's' DNA
Scientific Analysis: "Created a very large, tasty, well-rounded product with a distinctive shape. Would have to be sold by the slice since whole melons are too big to carry!"

Experiment #4
Blackberry with Michael Jackson's DNA
Scientific Analysis: "We wound up with a very strange fruit that is inexplicably popular with certain people even though the berries never mature and have a tendency to gradually turn white. Noses keep falling off."



Experiment #5

Cucumber with Ozzy Osbourne's DNA

Scientific Analysis: Produced an interesting vegetable that grew in the shape of an inverted cross and seemed to appeal primarily to teenage boys. Often screams the 'F word' when sliced. Plant seems to repel bats.

Experiment #6

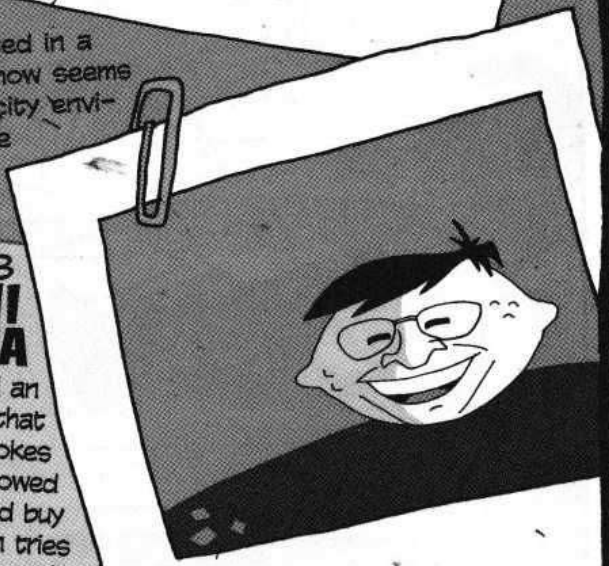
Pig with Jim Carrey's DNA

Scientific Analysis: Resulted in deranged, spastic hog that twitched and made bizarre facial contortions for no apparent reason. Vastly overpriced for what you get. NOTE: We tried substituting Robin William's DNA but results were identical.

Experiment #7

Cauliflower with Eminem's DNA

Scientific Analysis: Resulted in a white vegetable that somehow seems black. Grows well in inner city environments but is incompatible with fruits and very tough on 'hoes'.



Experiment #8

Lemon with Bill Gates' DNA

Scientific Analysis: Created an extremely tough, resilient plant that is essentially a parasite which chokes out all competition. Surveys showed most people hated these lemons but, for some reason, they would buy them anyway. Inferior to Apples, especially Macintoshes, and often tries to mimic them. These lemons go bad and need to be 'upgraded' frequently. Tends to attract mice.

Experiment #9

Corn Plant with Tom Cruise's DNA

Scientific Analysis: Proved very tasty to females despite small size. Ears are normal size but teeth are huge. Flourishes near nuts (especially Scientologists).

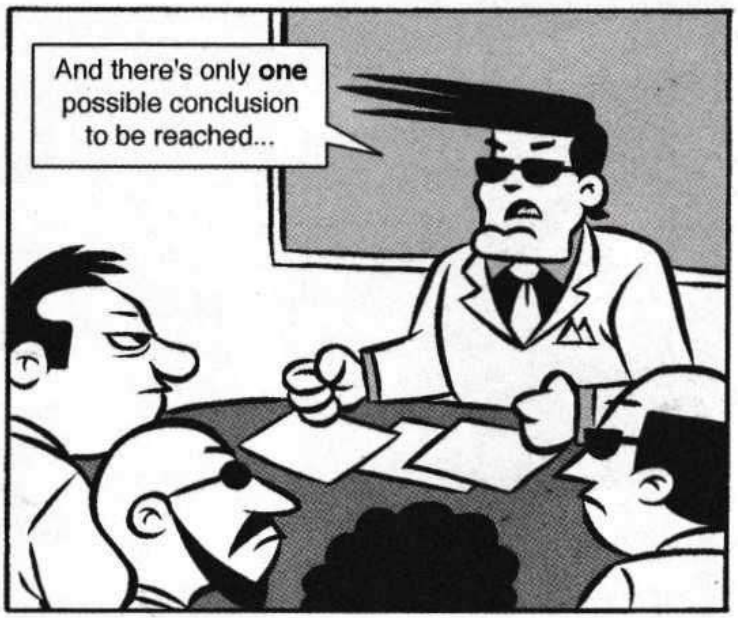
Experiment #10

Cow with Anna Nicole's DNA

Scientific Analysis: The DNA of these 2 creatures was so similar that no discernable change was recorded.

JOE STUDD

By BARRY DUTTER
And MIKE KAZALEH



KLUGG in Feeding Frenzy
By Rich Hedden
UNCA KLUGG, WE'RE HUNGRYYYYY!!!
KLUGG NEED SOMETHING QUICK AND EASY!
THAT LIZARD MAKE GOOD DINO NUGGETS!
KLUGG GO OUT FOR SOME FAST FOOD!
GASP COME HERE, STUPID LIZARD!
HUFF HUFF
PUFF PUFF
SO WHERE IS YOUR UNCLE KLUGG?
HE WENT OUT TO GET US SOME FAST FOOD.
HIM GONE FOR AN HOUR! THE FOOD WAS FASTER THAN HE WAS!
THE END!

Busty

Every generation there is a Chosen One. A girl born with three names whose destiny is to revive a notorious box-office flop as a successful TV series. For seven years, she has rescued her supporting cast from melodramatic perils and lame plot-twists. But now, in their time of greatest need, she will abandon them to pursue a feature film career of nauseating romantic comedies and abhorrent big-budget sequels. This girl is . . .

Writer: Travis Kramer
Artist: Jason Robinson

THE FRANCHISE SLAYER

Busty, you can't leave! We've had a torrid makeout session, luv.
That has to count for something.
Ew! Lay off, Spoke. After you and that Angle guy, I'm sick of dating VAMPIRES!
The HICKIES are KILLING me!
Speaking of cameos, here's an obligatory one from Angle - Brooding Vampire with a SOUL!
C'mon Busty, you can't stop this show. If you do, MY show will die!
That's nonsense, Angle, look how long the BIONIC WOMAN lasted after THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN was cancelled!
Suddenly, Busty bursts into song!
I've killed so many bloodsuckers,
I've kept our small town free.
But now I'm sick of slaying,
So "fangs" for the memory.
Okay, Busty, you win. We won't stand in your way. Just promise you'll never sing again.
God, make it stop!
It burns!
Not so fast, Busty. I still have a bone to pick.
Krispy Swansong! You played Busty in the movie, what are you doing here?
You stole the best role I ever had and did it better than me —and you had a Cover Girl campaign, to boot - I'm here for PAYBACK!
Catfight! Catfight!
Five bucks says Krispy kicks her butt.
A little more ACTION like this, and this show could go on for ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS!
THE END

The many faces of Jason Seiler!

SUPERSTAR ARTIST Jason Seiler's work adorns this edition's cover, as well as our 3-page Rock 'n' Roll feature! CRACKED reporter Nanny Dickering threw some hard questions at Jason, separating the man from the artist!

Q: Where were you born?
I was born in Green Bay Wisconsin, in 1977 . . ."God's country" home of the Cheese heads!

Q: Who are your favorite artists?
My number one favorite artist is my dad . . . from there, I'd have to say, in no special order, just what comes to mind first! Jan Op De Beeck, Jack Davis, Herman Mejia, Mort Drucker, Sebastian Kruger, Ismael Roldan, Tom Richmond, Ed Steckely, Norman Mingo, Norman Rockwell, and a friend of mine from God's country, Chris Rommel!

Q: What are your favorite comics?
I love Batman, Superman, and Spider-man!

Q: Favorite TV shows?
Don't really watch TV, too busy drawing — no joke!

Q: Movies?
I do however enjoy watching movies . . . Anything with a strong story, and good actor's usually a movie that has Robert DeNiro, Al Pacino, Ed Norton, or Tom Hanks . . . can't go wrong there . . . well I guess you can, and they have, but still for some reason I keep on watching!

Q: Odd jobs you've had?
Getting hired to do a highly detailed caricature of the owner of Kraft foods, and getting paid with Mac & Cheese, and Mr. Peanuts!

Q: Favorite Beatle or Monkee?
Ringo, just look at that face! Actually now that I think about it . . . they all fell off the unique tree!

Q: Favorite junk food?
Is pizza junk food?

Q: Favorite comedian?
Robin Williams

Q: First pro job?
I started working as a caricaturist and cartoonist for a magazine in Chicago called Cornerstone when I was 20. I worked for them for about 5 years, did a job for Ford Motor Co., and Kraft Foods, and that's about it. Hey I'm only 25!

Q: Dream job?
Coffee boy for George W. Bush . . .that would be fun! Or, doing what I'm doing now . . . hopefully being able to do illustration work for many different magazines, business's, corporations . . . whatever!

Q: Career goal?
To be able to get my work published in many different magazines, or books as I can . . . I don't know why, just been a dream of mine since I was about 10.

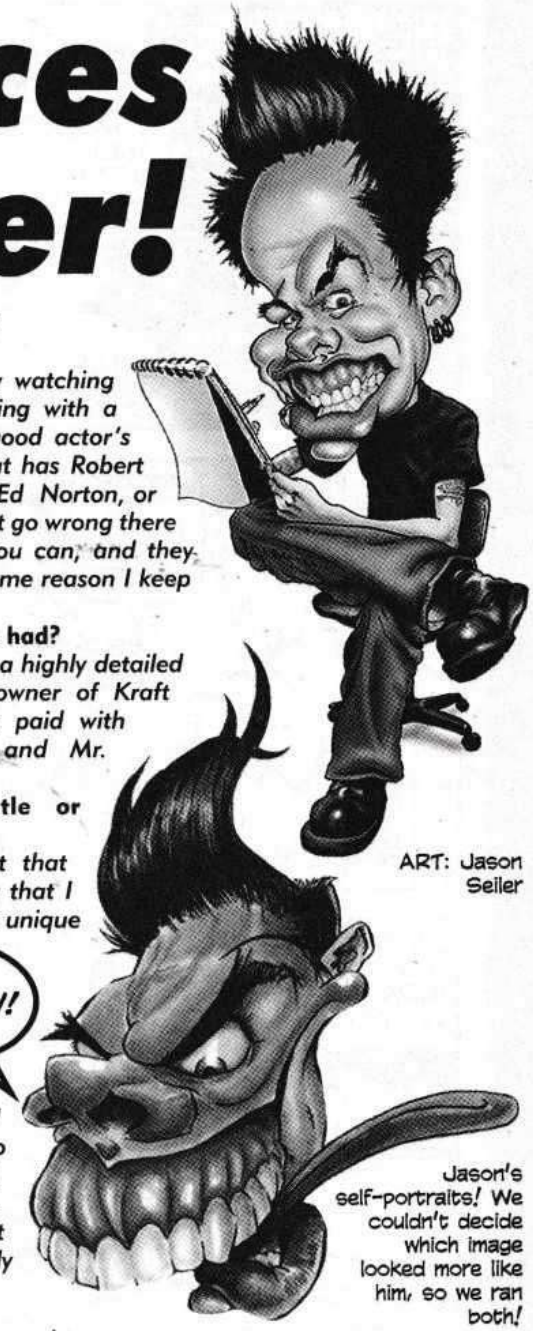
Q: If they made a movie about you, who would play you?
Brad Pitt of course — we practically look like twins!

Q: Favorite musicians?
Louis Armstrong, Johnny Cash, The Stray Cats, The Clash, The Beatles, anything that makes the foot tap, eh?

Q: Which reality TV show does your life most resemble?
Hopefully none, I'm 25, happily married with a kid on the way, and I try to live a moral life!

Q: Artists/writers you'd most like to work with?
Someone that could help me to grow as an artist . . . besides that, not sure. I've never thought about it before.

Q: If I wasn't working for CRACKED, I'd be . . .
Shoving bamboo shoots up some poor guys fingernails . . . following orders, and occasionally picking my nose!



ART: Jason Seiler

Jason's self-portraits! We couldn't decide which image looked more like him, so we ran both!

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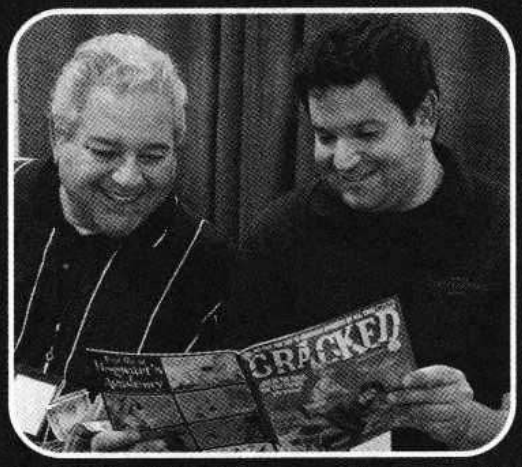

CCC PROMOTIONS owner Charles Cerrito, right, earns a CRACKED SALUTE for his 'beyond the call of duty' efforts aimed at increasing our visibility at comic conventions around the country. Charles is a super nice guy who's highly popular with comics retailers and fans alike! (That's his dad on the left.) Looking for archival bags, collectable comics and poster holders? Look for Charles at www.cccpromotions.com — and tell 'im CRACKED sent ya!

GHOST STORY CLUB

When America's wackiest horror strip appeared in newspapers around the world in the late 90s, it was so scary 1 out of 20 little old ladies dropped dead from fright reading it! Here, for your reading pleasure, are seven daily presentations of GHOST STORY CLUB!

THE BUG-EATING BABY-SITTER!

THIS WEEK'S TALE IS INSPIRED BY A STORY CREATED BY MARK P., ONE OF THE WINNERS OF OUR ANNUAL GSC WRITING CONTEST. MARK, 11, OF LOS ANGELES, CA, FOLLOWS GSC IN THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER.

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IN THE TIGRE HOUSEHOLD

BUT, MOM, I ***HATE*** BABY-SITTERS.

YOU'RE ONLY TEN, LUIS, AND MARIA IS JUST SIX. YOU AND YOUR SISTER ***NEED*** A SITTER.

DING DONG

AY, THERE SHE IS NOW. ***WAIT*** 'TIL YOU SEE HER.

DICK KUPA and ALLAN ZULLO

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AT THE TIGRES' HOUSE

MOM! THE BABY-SITTER IS HERE.

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THE BABY-SITTING AGENCY SAYS YOU ARE VERY ***GOOD.***

I ***LOVE*** KIDS TO ***DEATH.***

ALLAN ZULLO DICK KULPA

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LUIS TIGRE AND HIS WEIRD BABY-SITTER...

I FEED MY PET GECKO ***LIVE BUGS.***

VERY ***APPETIZING.***

LATER, ALONE IN LUIS' ROOM

MMM! THESE CRICKETS ARE ***DELICIOUS,*** BY JIMINY!

?

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ZULLO and KULPA

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BUZZZZ

BUZZ

BZZZZ

PESKY FLY!

AS LITTLE MARIA SPIES ON THE WEIRD BABY SITTER...

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GOT HIM!

BUZZ

THWAP!

DICK KULPA and ALLAN ZULLO

=***GULP***= NOT BAD-- FOR A HOUSEFLY.

?

=***BURP!***=

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The Bug-Eating Baby-Sitter

LUIS TIGRE AND HIS LITTLE SISTER *MARIA* WERE SURPRISED AT HOW WEIRD THEIR NEW *BABY-SITTER* LOOKED. BUT MARIA WAS EVEN MORE SHOCKED WHEN SHE SAW THE SITTER *EAT LIVE CRICKETS* THAT HAD BEEN FOOD FOR LUIS' PET GECKO.

THEN MARIA WATCHED THE SITTER CATCH A FLY WITH HER TONGUE AND EAT IT. MARIA TOLD LUIS, BUT HE DIDN'T BELIEVE HER – UNTIL HE LEARNED THAT *ANOTHER SITTER* FROM THE SAME AGENCY HAD TAKEN ON A *MOUSELIKE* APPEARANCE AT HIS FRIEND'S HOUSE AND WAS *EATING* ALL THEIR CHEESE.

Here at CRACKED, we like a good horror movie as much as the next psycho but we've noticed that most of them have themes that are a bit hard to relate to: vampires, werewolves, aliens – come on, who really believes in that stuff? We think there's plenty of situations in *real life* that would make great horror movies if those idiots in Hollywood were only smart enough to pick up on them. To help them along, we present CRACKED's...

HORROR MOVIES that would REALLY SCARE PEOPLE!

WRITTEN AND DRAWN BY HUW EVANS

15 BUCKS in YOUR POCKET and SHE JUST ORDERED... the LOBSTER!

The HUGE RED CLAWS! The EVIL BEADY EYES! The RIDICULOUS EXPENSE!

"Dine and dash right down to see this movie!" – Rex Read

DINNER DATE of DOOM!

Watch for the Even More Terrifying Sequel: "THE DESSERT MENU!"

Your new date is meeting your family . . . what's in your mother's hand?

SHE'S BRINGING OUT *YOUR BABY PICTURES!*

PHOTOS OF PHEAR

FEEL THE MIND NUMBING HORROR AS THEY APPROACH THE NAKED PICS!

FIND OUT IF YOU REALLY CAN DIE OF EMBARRASSMENT!

"A perfect movie for a last date!" - WXYZ Radio

She's on Social Security...
She's on Medication...
She's on *YOUR SIDE OF THE ROAD!!!*

LITTLE OLD LADY *in a* HUGE CAR

She can't see or hear but she can aim 3 tons of metal down the road!

So Scary YOU'LL Need Adult Diapers!

"A whole new wrinkle in horror" Leonard Maudlin

WITH NO STUDY... NO CHEAT NOTES... YOU MUST FACE...

SURPRISE EXAM FROM HELL

Words you don't know... numbers you've never seen... YOUR MIND GOES BLANK WITH TERROR!

You know you're in the CLUTCHES of a SADIST when you see THERE ARE NO MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWERS!!!

"Don't fail to see this one!" - Entertainment Yesterday

NAME:

SURPRISE TEST:

1) In 5,000 words or more, explain the Theory of Relativity and its relation to quantum mechanics. Please write your answer in Sanskrit.

2) Using Roman numerals, figure Pi to the 3,000th decimal place and then calculate the square root. Do this by hand, not on a calculator. Show all your work.

Just when you thought it was safe to borrow Dad's NEW CAR!

the EVIL BARF

Your Friend had about 12 beers too many - AND THEY'RE ALL COMING BACK UP!

When MALT LIQUOR MEETS FINE CORINTHIAN LEATHER... ONLY ONE WILL SURVIVE!!!

"You won't be able to stop bringing up how good this movie is!" - Michael Wetbed

The Mystery of the VIBRATING PEW

FILMED IN SENSURROUND & SMELL-O-RAMA!

You tempted fate by having a bean burrito for breakfast - AND NOW THE WHOLE CONGREGATION MAY PAY THE PRICE!!!

BUTT-CLENCHING SUSPENSE! Gas Pressure is Building - Can You Hold Out Until the Sermon Ends?

BRRAPP!

"Bring a Change of Shorts to This One!" - Roger Heburpt

YOU SHOULD HAVE LOOKED BEFORE!!!

The END of the ROLL

YOU'VE "DONE YOUR BUSINESS" IN A PUBLIC BATHROOM AND NOW YOU REALIZE, TO YOUR HORROR - THE TOILET PAPER IS ALL GONE!

DO YOU CALL FOR HELP?

DO YOU DO "THE WADDLE" TO THE NEXT STALL?

HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY LIKE THAT SHIRT YOU'RE WEARING?

"This movie wiped us out!" - Poophole Magazine

MARVEL GOES TO THE MOVIES

A CRACKED "Idiotorial" by "Big" Barry Dutter, America's Favorite Pop Culture Commentator • Illustration: Chris Caldwell

THIS YEAR, five major motion pictures based on comic books are in the process of being released. Even more impressive: Three of these releases are based on characters from the Mighty Marvel Universe: DAREDEVIL, X2: X-MEN UNITED, and THE HULK!

Back when I worked for Marvel in the early 90s, we always dreamed of having our characters featured in big-budget films -- but it never happened. All we ever got were some cheesy cheap-o flicks that went straight to video, like THE PUNISHER and CAPTAIN AMERICA. (Thankfully, some of these atrocities, such as THE FANTASTIC FOUR, never even got released at all!)

This was mighty embarrassing because, for decades, every true comic book fan has known Marvel always had the best characters. Yet, ironically, Marvel could never seem to get their act together on the big screen, while DC enjoyed huge successes with BATMAN and SUPERMAN.

This situation was even worse during the late 70's, when I was a kid.

I remember being so excited the day CBS announced that several of Marvel's top super-heroes would be on their fall schedule. I got my first jarring lesson in viewer cynicism when these shows ended up stinking worse than a RICHIE RICH comic book. For example, although THE INCREDIBLE HULK TV series is often fondly remembered today, it still had some glaring flaws.

Sure, Bill Bixby was a likable enough "Bruce," er, -- sorry, "David" Banner. And Lou Ferrigno basically looked the part of the Hulk (despite the goofy green wig).

But the series' main story arc ran more along the lines of THE FUGITIVE than THE HULK. Ferrigno's Hulk couldn't speak, and his powers were scaled down for budgetary reasons, leaving the character only a fraction as strong as he should have been.

Eventually, a few televised HULK reunion movies were produced in a half-hearted attempt to appease the fans' appetite for their hero, after the series' abrupt end. One dopey movie featured a final "chapter" in the character's history, where the Hulk dies by falling out of a helicopter. (Yeah, like that could actually happen!) All in all, it was a sad good-bye for a series that got progressively weaker. TV movies of the same period, featuring CAPTAIN AMERICA and DR. STRANGE also suffered from too many arbitrary changes at the clammy hands of network executives

who didn't understand the characters, or bother to try.

The SPIDER-MAN live-action TV series was the worst of this bunch. I couldn't believe how bad it was! I was Spidey's #1 die-hard fan as a kid, but this show actually drove me to watch EIGHT IS ENOUGH!

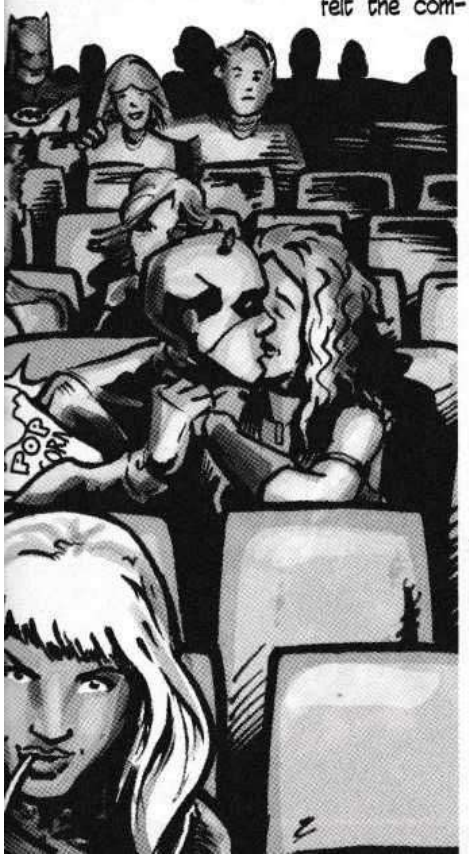
The main problem with 70's Marvel Hollywood adaptations wasn't just that they deviated too far from their source: They never HONORED what made these characters so great in the first place . . .and so compelling as real individuals we all could identify with.

Worst of all, none of these shows ever featured any trademark Marvel super-villains! Does anyone out there remember a TV Spidey bad guy called the Swarm from this era?

I kid you not, he was composed of a bunch of bees that actually went around, hypnotically buzzing: "Sa-war-rrrrrrrm...Sa-warrrrrrrm."

The 80's also proved to be another dark decade for Marvel in La La Land. Only one movie based on a Marvel character was produced -- the notorious flop, HOWARD THE DUCK. (Of all the classic heroes in Marvel's stable, I think I can safely say no true Marvelite would've picked this turkey to star in anything.)

It was so bad, Hollywood insiders used to joke: What's the translation of ISHTAR (another legendary 80's mega-bomb)? Answer: Farsi for HOWARD THE DUCK. In the early 90s, my fellow Marvel staffer and good buddy, Jim Salicrup, had developed a theory about why Marvel movies and TV shows always turned out so bad: Jim felt the company was desperate to expand it's Universe into movies and TV shows -- but only on its terms.



Major production companies were unwilling to take on such costly, effects driven properties without receiving a huge chunk of the licensing pie, so that left only the tiniest of studios that were willing to play by Marvel's rules.

The company struck deals with these B-list hack houses, and we fans were served up mediocre products that bore little resemblance to their four-color counterparts.

Salicrup became part of a big push for higher quality Marvel movies and TV, to the point where he helped shoot down one proposed movie featuring Spider-Man because the network in question merely wanted to rip off THE FLY.

It wasn't until Marvel guru Stan Lee teamed up with an Executive Producer named Avi Arad (who acquired control of the Marvel characters during his tenure at New World Pictures), that a major change took place.

Under their guidance, Marvel properties finally began to flourish in movies and TV when they forced Hollywood to treat the heroes with the respect they deserved.

By the late 90s, screen hits like BLADE had ushered in a new era of Marvel movies. These were big-budget flicks, with great special effects, big-name actors, and top writers and directors.

So you see, the main difference between the schlock Marvel cinematic products of my day and the mega-bucks opuses of today, is not only the access to more spectacular technology — it is that the studio system has finally acknowledged the importance of going back to these characters' roots!

Thus, Peter Parker is now honestly inspired to become Spider-Man when he fails to save his Uncle Ben. Result: The long-awaited SPIDER-MAN movie was the biggest hit of 2002 -- even bigger than the STAR WARS prequel released in the same year!

Today, we also get to see Bruce (not David) Banner romance Betty Ross . . . Blade's origin left relatively intact . . .and a DAREDEVIL movie that is basically a page one adaptation of Frank Miller's comic masterpieces.

The Golden Age of Marvel Comics was in the 1960s -- every true Marvelite knows that. But now I have new hope that the Golden Age of Marvel MOVIES is just beginning.

And the future looks brighter than ever!

(Note: If this column reads like I'm standing on a Soapbox, well, I did write the Bullpen Bulletins Page for 5 years! 'Nuff said, True Believers!)

COMICS INVADE THE MOVIES!

The following is a list of every movie ever made in the U.S. or U.K. based on comic books. Please note, this list does not include movies based on comic strips — DICK TRACY, DENNIS THE MENACE — or movies based on animated cartoons — SCOOBY DOO, THE FLINTSTONES. Only movies where the ORIGINAL source of the material is a COMIC BOOK are included.
I also didn't include movies based on Japanese comics, because it seems like every movie ever made in Japan is based on a comic book, and that list would be too long.
Let me know if I missed any, folks!

1960's
- BATMAN (1966)

1970s:
- TALES FROM THE CRYPT (1972)
- VAULT OF HORROR (1973)
- SUPERMAN: THE MOVIE (1978)

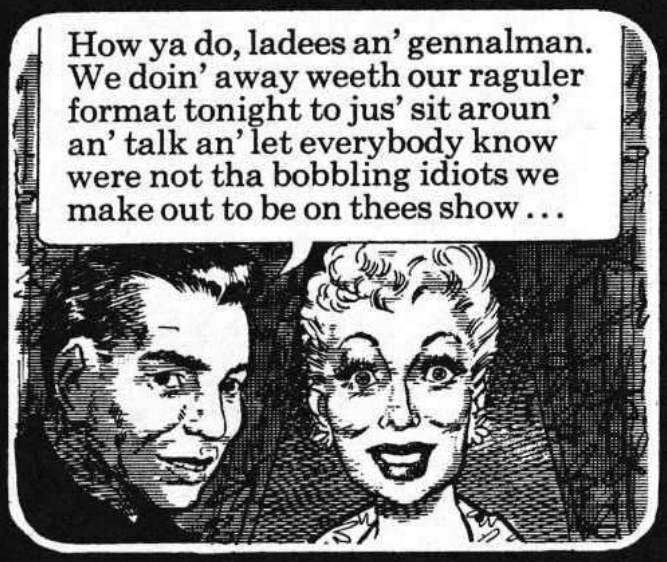
1980's:
- SUPERMAN II (1980)
- SWAMP THING (1982)
- SUPERMAN III (1983)
- SUPERGIRL (1984)
- HOWARD THE DUCK (1986)
- SUPERMAN IV: THE QUEST FOR PEACE (1986)
- RETURN OF THE SWAMP THING (1989)
- BATMAN (1989)

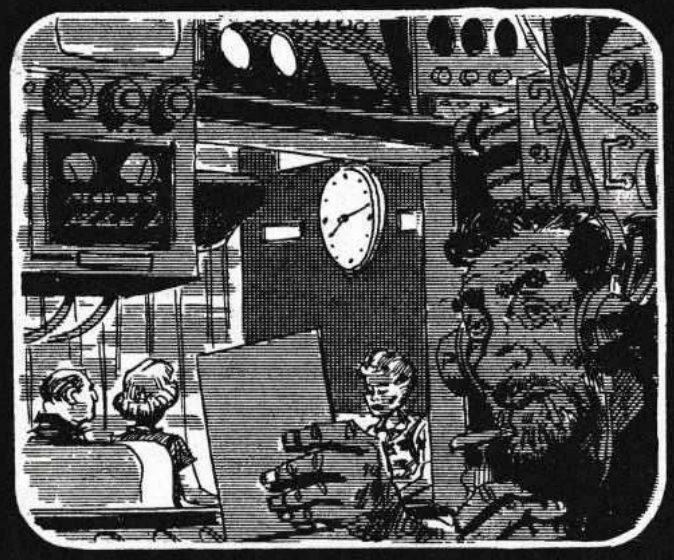
1990s:
- THE PUNISHER (1990)
- CAPTAIN AMERICA: (1990; Intended for theatrical release but went straight to video)
- TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (1990)
- THE ROCKETEER (1991)
- TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES II: THE SECRET OF THE OOZE (1993)
- BATMAN RETURNS (1992)
- FANTASTIC FOUR: (1992; Film completed but never released, not even on video)
- BATMAN: MASK OF THE PHANTASM (ANIMATED) (1993)
- TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES III: TURTLES IN TIME (1993)
- THE CROW (1994)
- THE MASK (1994)
- RICHIE RICH (1994) (Followed by straight-to-video sequels)
- TALES FROM THE CRYPT: DEMON KNIGHT (1994)
- BATMAN FOREVER (1995)
- CASPER (1995) (Followed by straight-to-video sequels)
- JUDGE DREDD (1995)
- TANK GIRL (1995)
- BARB WIRE (1996)
- THE CROW: CITY OF ANGELS (1996)
- TALES FROM THE CRYPT: BORDELLO OF BLOOD (1996)
- BATMAN & ROBIN (1997)
- SPAWN (1997)
- STEEL (1997)
- BLADE (1998)
- MEN IN BLACK (1998)
- MYSTERY MEN (1999)
- VIRUS (1999)

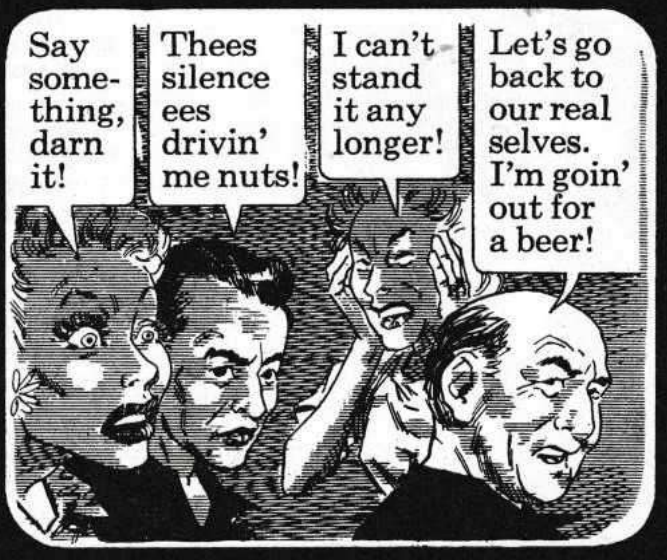
2000's
- THE CROW: SALVATION (2000)
- X-MEN (2000)
- FROM HELL (2001)
- GHOST WORLD (2001)
- JOSIE AND THE PUSSYCATS (2001)
- BLADE II (2002)
- MEN IN BLACK 2 (2002)
- ROAD TO PERDITION (2002)
- SPIDER-MAN (2002)
- BULLETPROOF MONK (2003)
- DAREDEVIL (2003)
- THE HULK (2003)
- THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN (2003)
- X2: X-MEN UNITED (2003)

CRACKED'S 'REALITY TV' issue wouldn't be complete without this classic re-presentation showing 'I Love Lucy!' engaging in some Reality TV of her own. (CRACKED was eerily prophetic, as this first appeared in CRACKED #10, August 1959, when TV was just getting hot, folks!

If 'I Love Lucy' did REALITY TV







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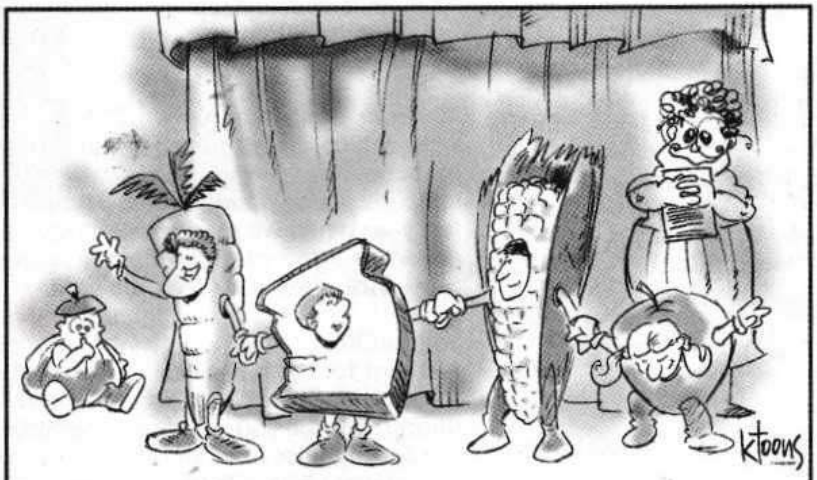
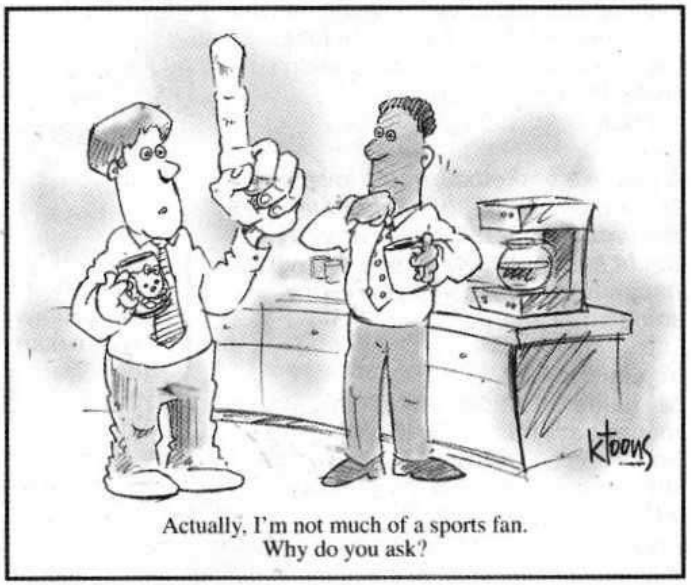
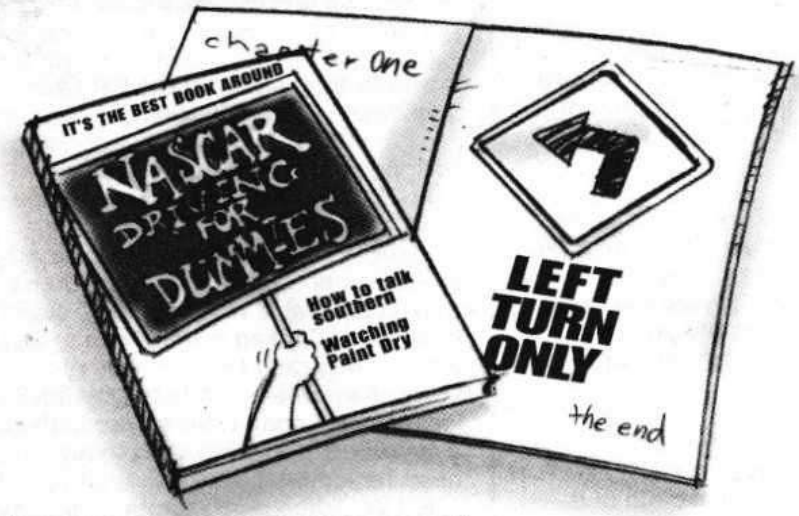
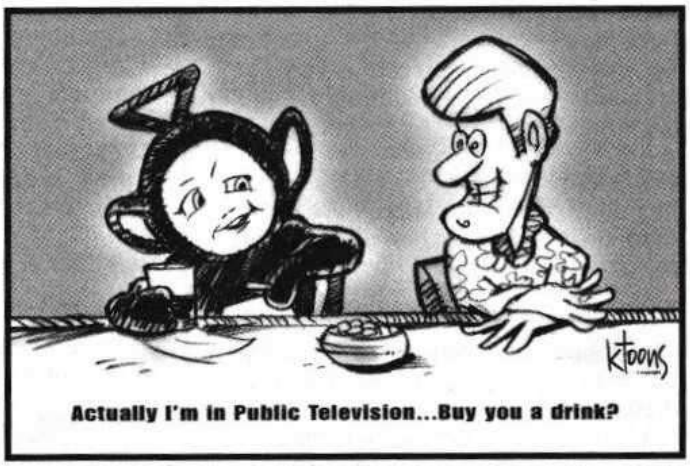


Thanks, but what I really want to do is direct.



Actually, I'm not much of a sports fan.
Why do you ask?





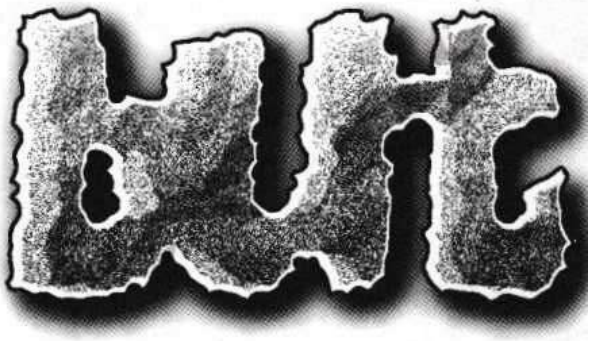
Actually I'm in Public Television...Buy you a drink?

One dark day in Green Bay Wisconsin.

Mother.

You smell something?

Hey CRACKED-HEADS: We've gotten sooo-oo-o many letters that we gave our fan mail an extra page! So, let's get CRACKIN'!



Dear CRACKED:
I laughed like crazy reading 360. You guys keep this up, MAD magazine will no longer exist in a few years and it's been on newsstands since October 1952 and it started out as a comic book.
Keep up the good work. By the way, I still like to read MAD once in a while when I see something funny.
—Your #1 fan, Giovanni B.,
Pittsburgh, California

Thanks, Giovanni! We think this world is CRACKED enough for MAD too!

Dear Editor:
I would like you to put in some messed-up, funny, hilarious basketball jokes. I love basketball a lot — you couldn't shake me up if you tried."
—Brady P, Anchorage, Alaska

If you like basketball, you'll love our feature on Yao Ming in this issue! He's the world's tallest b-baller, as you no doubt know — wait till you see what happens when we sign him up for some other sports!

Yo Cracked,
My name is Chelsea M and I love your magazine! I think your ideas are great. Your comics crack me up! I really like the comic Loon Raider back in issue #357 because Tomb Raider is my favorite game. Can you also make more comics where you make fun of Britney Spears and Poke'mon?
Oh and before I forget can you try and make a comic about Dragon Ball Z? (by e-mail)

Hi Chelsea:
Thanks for your nice letter. We'll do more Britney and Dragon Ball Z spoofs real soon. Trust us:-)

Dear Dick & Barry:
I really love your magazine. I'm probably one of your biggest fans. I've been reading Cracked since I was 7.
My first issue was #255 with Ninja Turtles, which my parents found at a fleamarket. I've got every issue from #250 until now and a couple from 1986, 1987, and 1988.
I really like the early '90's issues with the Turtles and Simpsons. Do you think you can spoof the new Ninja Turtles?
Is John Severin coming back to draw for CRACKED?
— Your #1 fan Erik (by e-mail)

Good idea about the Turtles, Erik! As for Severin, we hear he's pretty busy but you never know . . .

Hey CRACKED:
Hey I just wanna say that those websites like "bikiniwaxdorm.com" & "ayyarozkan.com" that you put in the 'Toon Wars with Wedgie man and that other Sylvester were fake.
Did you mean to do that?
One more thing. Why did you make Simpy Dumpkins look so stupid and annoying with that fat a$$ lip? (by e-mail)
— Nat N.

Our apologies to our very talented artist, Tayyar Ozkan, for getting the name of his web site wrong. Of course, it should be Tayyarozkan.com. As for that other web site you mentioned, please visit annoyingcomix-characters.com.

Dear Dick & Barry:
My favorite TV show is Jackie Chan Adventures — please make fun of it.
My favorite band is SUM 41 — please don't make fun of it. I like your mag. I think it's the best You people rock, you have color, and you're super funny.
— Brandon D., Hamilton, Ontario, via the survey

If we didn't make fun of stuff, we wouldn't be super funny anymore, Brandon. Cracked's publisher did wind up in his young daughter's dog house last year when we made fun of Pokemon. After cutting off her allowance, she's now seen the light;-)

Yo CRACKED,
Just sent for the ICP issue. Thanks a lot for showing clown love — keep up the dissing. Maybe you could make an issue just for Juggalos (and, of course, Juggalettes) with ICP, Twiztid, Blaze, ABK, Zuglzland, V-Sinister, Jumpsteady, and the Psychopathic Record Crew.
— Chris "da Creeper" R., Bradenton, Florida

We have more plans for the ICP, Chris. Stay tuned. (Clown love, eh?)

Dear Editor:
I am a LONG time reader of your magazine. I purchased my first in 1993 (Jurassic Hurl), and almost never missed an issue until early in 2002. Since then I haven't been able to find a single copy of any new Cracked magazines anywhere. Why can't I buy an issue of Cracked anywhere in Alberta, Canada? Please help, I don't want to lose faith in a magazine that's been close to my heart for almost a decade.
—Jeff W., Edmonton, Alberta

Jeff, we're glad you asked! CRACKED is sent to HORNE & PITFIELD (15 stores), VALUE DRUG MART (47 stores), SOBEY'S WEST (48 stores), SAFEWAY-CANADA (36 stores), and WESTFAIR THE REAL CANADA (35 stores). For everyone else, any time you have a problem finding CRACKED, send an email to fanmail@cracked.com and we'll track down an outlet for you. Overall, there are over 22,000 copies going into Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Richmond, Dartmouth, North York, St. Johns and Burlington. Many stores don't realize that Cracked is alive and kicking (butt!) But Cracked is out there and in the process of getting everywhere! And if your store doesn't stock

HUNDREDS OF CRACKED back issues are stacked in front of publisher Dick Kulpa, shown sketching for fans at the recent South Florida Comic Con hosted by CCC Promotions (www.cccpromotions.com)

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CRACKED, ask them to order it.

Hello CRACKED:
I have noticed that where I went to middle school and high school, a few people had your comic book — "Cracked", — and if you are ever in touch with those people, IN A DECENT WAY, please do remember ME, and let me know of their whereabouts and life's activities, KINDLY, LEGALLY . . . thank you . . . "no rush", "no hurry".
— Mohinderjeet S. (by e-mail)

Thank you, We'll be sure to do that.

Dear CRACKED,
I've been a reader since I was 8,and although I didn't get most of the mature humor, there was enough immature humor that I didn't have to. I have grown to become a CRACKED zealot and I hope one day to be an artist for you guys. However, I was wondering,why is Barry Dutter so overrated?

— Alex Z., by e-mail

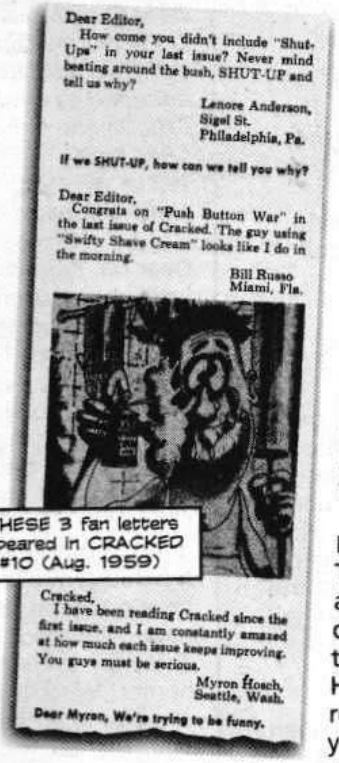
Barry Dutter is the source of all humor, both mature and immature. Therefore he is beyond all standards of rateability. Meanwhile, keep drawing!

Dear Editors:
In issue 341, in History of Humor, you write, "Russians occupy Berlin. U.S. begins 'Marshal Plan' to airlift supplies of humor to one of the unfunniest nations on earth." The Marshal plan was to supply money to relieve democratic East European countries' suffering. The Berlin Airlift was the delivering of supplies to Berlin during Russia's stronghold. Sincerely, Someone with a better grasp of history than you,
— Annie C. , Rocky River, Ohio (by e-mail)

Dear Annie,
That's why we're CRACKED! By the time we're done the history of the entire world will have been re-written! Seriously, keep up the great work in your studies. The world needs people who know the real truth!

Dear Cracked,
There is one problem with your magazine. I read it in about two or three days, taking it in slowly. Then I have to wait 2 months for the next issue. Here are a few ideas I think might really help us poor slobs waiting for your next issue: start reprinting issues and start publishing books.
I would just love to have my subscription increased by a year for the above advice.

(More letters on the next page!)



Dear Editor,
How come you didn't include "Shut-Ups" in your last issue? Never mind beating around the bush, SHUT-UP and tell us why?

Lenore Anderson,
Sigel St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

If we SHUT-UP, how can we tell you why?

Dear Editor,
Congrats on "Push Button War" in the last issue of Cracked. The guy using "Swifty Shave Cream" looks like I do in the morning.

Bill Russo
Miami, Fla.

Cracked,
I have been reading Cracked since the first issue, and I am constantly amazed at how much each issue keeps improving. You guys must be serious.

Myron Hosch,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Myron, We're trying to be funny.

THESE 3 fan letters appeared in CRACKED #10 (Aug. 1959)

ANNOUNCEMENT:

CRACKED MAGAZINE CARES ABOUT ITS READERS -- AND ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNGER CROWD.
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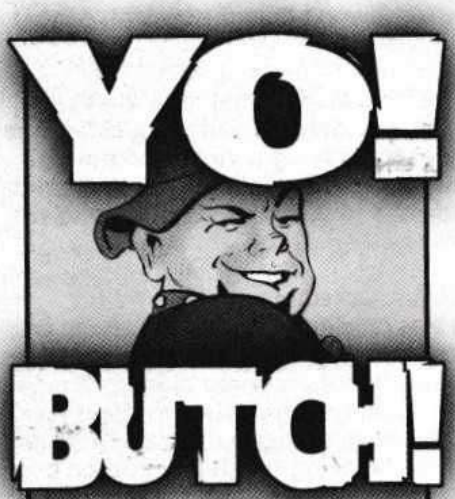

Dear Butch,
Hey, I was wondering what do you think of **Eminem** *and* **Good Charlotte***? I was wondering this because my favorite singer is* **Eminem**, *then* **Good Charlotte***! Both bands are sooo hot! I was wondering if you send me pictures of both of them? You are the best, Butch! How old are you? Yeah, my mom didn't like* **Eminem** *that much, then we went to see* **8 mile.** *Now she talks about how a good of an actor and singer he is. Same with* **Good Charlotte.** *I played* **Little Things** *and she loved it. She practically doesn't care who or what I listen to. Some parents think that's wrong. What do you think? Oh yeah, just because parents let us listen or watch things at a young age doesn't mean they don't care for us! Can you send a picture of yourself to me? You're the coolest!*
— Deirdre C., Palo Cedro, Ca.

Yo Diedre:
Sounds like you're growing up fast. My parents kicked me out when I was 12. Your mom obviously loves you, since she went with you to see that dumbazz 8 Mile. But what I think is not important. Show this letter to your mom and see what she thinks.

Butch writes this advice column as a condition of his probation, (that's what he says, anyway) and we agreed to run it. Mail your Butch questions to this magazine, or email them to: fanmail@crackedmag.com
WARNING: DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!

but CRACKED...

If not, then you guys are what I always thought — CHEAP. I don't think you will publish this letter because of the last line in my letter. Imagine that if you guys do increase my subscription that will be the first thing I will have ever gotten for free in the last 20 years.(I won't hold my breath).
— Mark W.

Breathe, Mark, breathe! Didn't we send you Silly CD trading cards for free when you bought your subscription? Seriously, though, Mark, those are great ideas, and we'll take all the advice we can get!

Dear Cracked:
I was reading my CRACKED on the way to church, as I usually do when I'm not studying for advanced placement classes or doing community service for the elderly, when suddenly my mag (or meg) flew out of my hands and got run over by a truck. I tried to chase after this great product and was hit by the truck. Luckily I wasn't shredded to bits like my Megazine. My dad said I should sue you for all you're worth, but all I want is a new three-year subscription. P.S. Did I mention my dad is a very successful lawyer?
—Corey M, Toronto, Ontario

Dear Corey, we're writing this from the confessional. We come here daily in case we did anything wrong. We are so lucky to have you for a reader! Even luckier, Butch wants to sign up for law school

Hi CRACKED:
I know that Beavis & Butthead and Ren & Stimpy are both old and forgotten but I think you should do a parody for one of them or both of them anyways.
Sincerely, I. P. Symthe (no relation to Sylvester)

Thanks for the suggestions, I.P. Maybe we'll publish a CRACKED Special featuring our best spoofs of these characters.

Dear Dick & Barry:
I would just like to say keep going! CRACKED Rocks! And I know I am going to read it for the rest of my useless life! I am going to keep telling everyone about it!
— Ryan B., New Market, Maryland

Ryan, there's no such thing as a useless life, especially not yours! Maybe you could take CRACKED to the nursing home where Beavis, Butthead, Ren & Stimpy live, and read it to them!

Hi CRACKED! I am Ashley R., age 12, sixth grade, and I have been reading CRACKED ever since I was eleven. My most looked-forward-to cartoon has always been and forever will be Joe Studd. I like the way he thinks! Until I become an artist myself I will always look up to you guys! See ya in the CRACKED papers!
— Ashley R., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Ashley, you're an artist now! Keep drawing!

Yo CRACKED:
Issue #360 is the first issue of your mag that I have read. It's really funny. That Joe Millionaire parody is really great. The thing I would like to see the most is another one of those Hogwarts Confidential with Harry Potter doing funny things. Your magazine rocks!
— Justin W. , Quebec, Ontario

Welcome to CRACKED, Justin!

Dear Editor:
I have a request for you guys and girls at CRACKED Magazine. Can you please do a magazine about magic and magicians? You could call it, "Today's Top Celebrities Doing Yesterday's Favorite Magic Tricks." Just think of Ben Affleck sawing Jennifer Lopez in half and the lower half of the box is really bigger than the upper half, because her ass is so big.
—Dorian B., Selma, Alabama

We think we might like this more than J-Lo would. On the other hand, she wouldn't be the J-Lo we love without that big Be-hind, now, would she?

Dear Editor:
I love the new Cracked Magazine issue #360. It's amazing how you guys come up with a new issue every couple months. Oh by the way, where was Pukey this issue, he's awesome! Keep rockin' the humor mag world!
— Kelly O'B. (age 16)

Kelly, we are amazed too, when a new issue comes out. As for Pukey, he didn't want to get upstaged by Spongebomb puking.

Dear CRACKED:
I have been a loyal fan of your mag since 1999 and I have to say, you guys are hilarious! Are your "Phat Signs for Kids Only" (they appeared in issue #355) still available? And what happened to your Cracked Honorarium? Also, I was wondering if you could perhaps send me one of the CRACKED Staff's signatures if it's not too much trouble. Thank you!
— Christian Di S., Etobicoke, Ontario

Whazzzupp? Your magazine is so radical! CRACKED is like an addiction to me. Once I've read it I'm hooked! I've been reading CRACKED for about two years. I used to have an issue dating back from 1992 at a rummage sale, but my idiot brother tore it up and threw it away. He says it was trash anyway. He was wrong. Is there a way you could get me a photo of Cracked's staff with their autographs on it? You guys should make some software for CRACKED Magazine.
—Billy L., Independence, Kansas

Dear Christian and Billy: Our Wacky Signs will be coming back soon! As for the CRACKED HONORARIUM, those are awarded to readers who've gone "above and beyond the call of duty" for CRACKED.
Tell us why you should get one by e-mailing support@crackedmag.com.

Dear Mr. Kulpa:
I still love your magazine. I have to travel out of town to find it most of the time. I am glad you have started your subscriptions; I am looking into it now and will be so pleased to get it at my door. Thank you! I can't express what it means to me that you took this magazine over and are having such a great time. It certainly has changed for the good — lots of energy and love and spirit (which were lacking for a few years) have returned to your funny, funny pages. I am not just saying this — I truly enjoy the underdog and I enjoy your humor! With Respect (for having the courage to stick it out),
Your friend,
David B. (via e-mail)

Hello David:
Publisher Dick Kulpa got a bit bashful about your letter, so we'll answer it for him. Since Dick took it over in 2000, lots has happened, and anyone else would have cracked! Since Dick's 'Cracked' already, it didn't matter.
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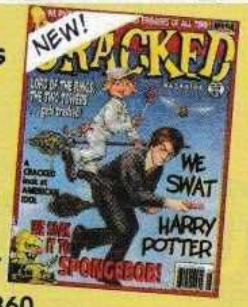

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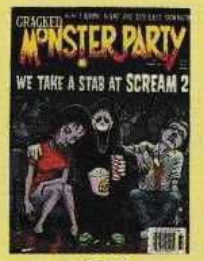

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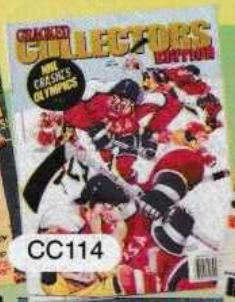

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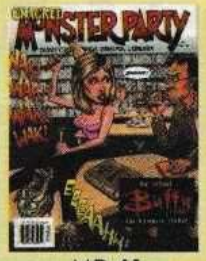

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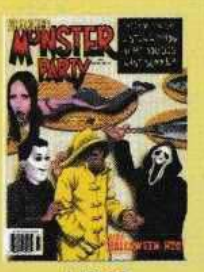

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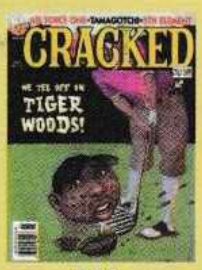

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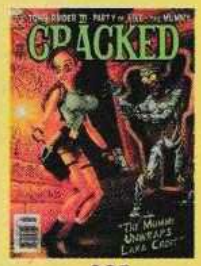

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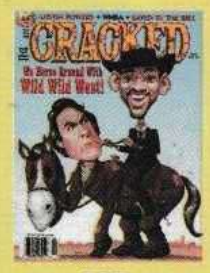

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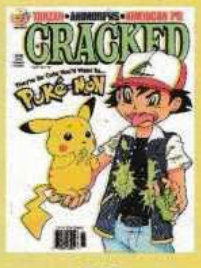

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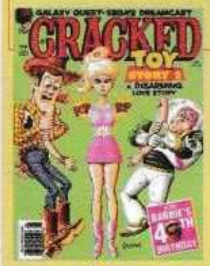

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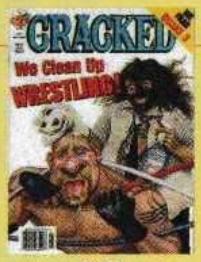

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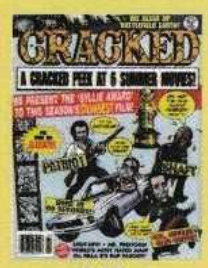

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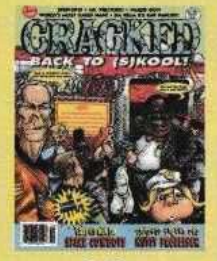

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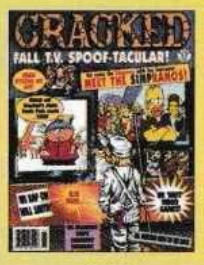

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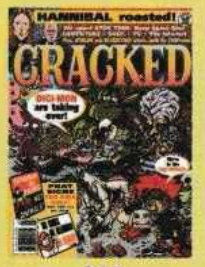

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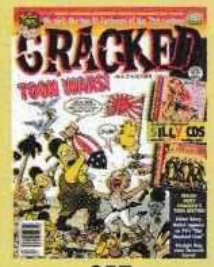

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Yugi-Oh has become the hottest card game phenomenon around, and it's only a matter of time until corporate sponsors try to capitalize on this sensation. CRACKED presents "Yugi-Oh-Oh!" cards that hopefully, we'll never see!

YuGiOh-Oh! ELL OUT!

The Karbonated Warrior

[Cola Card]

You've all seen the Karbonala Warrior, but the soft drink wars really heat up when Coca-Cola gives us ...The Karbonated Warrior!

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Senju of the Thousand Handi-Wipes

[Hygiene Card]

Even monsters can mess up their kitchen, and Senju of the Thousand Hands is the perfect spokesman for such a product, so you can expect ...Senju of the Thousand Handi-Wipes!

Giant Turtle Who Feeds On Flame-Broiled Whoppers!

[Dairy Card]

The Giant Turtle Who Feeds On Flames has a huge appetite, and Burger King wants us to know that they can fulfill it as we see ...The Giant Turtle Who Feeds On Flame-Broiled Whoppers!

Writer: Troy Hickman
Artist: Dave Berns

The Nobleman of Pest Extermination

[Pesticide Card]

Say goodbye to the Nobleman of Extinction. Now Raid bug repellent wants you to meet ...The Nobleman of Pest Extermination!

Saggi Diaper

[Incontinent Card]

One of the favorites among Yugi-Oh-Oh! fans is Saggi the Dark Clown, and now that the Pampers company is involved, their new favorite will be ...Saggi Diaper!

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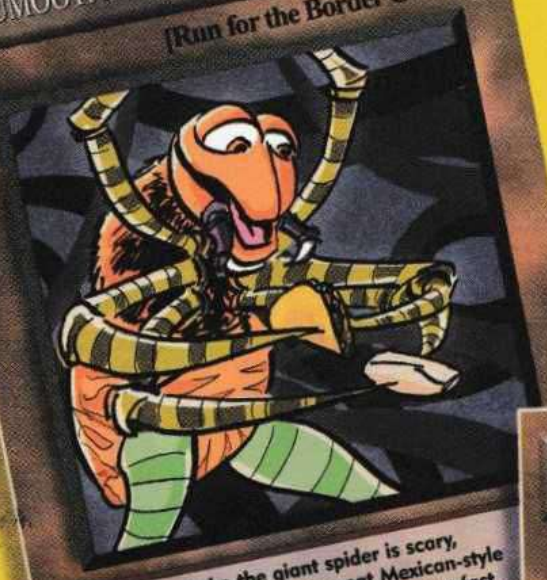
Kumootaco Bell

[Run for the Border Card]



Yes, Kumootoko the giant spider is scary, but no one will be afraid to eat Mexican-style when one of the nation's biggest fast food restaurants sponsors ...Kumootaco Bell!

Gay-A in His Fierce Nighty

[Fairy Card]

The ultra-rare Gaia the Fierce Knight cards gets bought out by the Victoria's Secret company, resulting in...Gay-A in His Fierce Nighty!

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Aroma the Angel of Silent But Deadly

[He who smelt it Card]

No longer do we have Doma the Angel of Silence. Now, thanks to the American Bean Growers Institute, we can enjoy ... Aroma the Angel of Silent But Deadly!

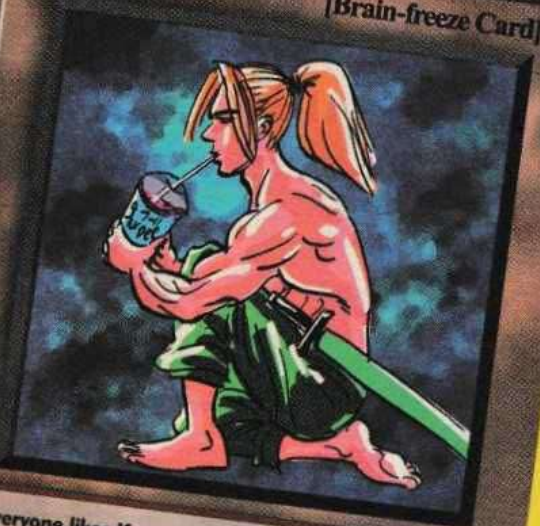
Dyin' to Eato, the Cured Ham Master

[Ham & Water Product Card]

The matronly Dian Keto the Cure Master was the perfect choice of the Hormel Meat Company, who now present ...Dyin' to Eato, the Cured Ham Master!

Kagemusha and His Blue Slurpee

[Brain-freeze Card]



Everyone likes Kagemusha of the Blue Flame, but now, with the help of 7-11 convenience stores, we'll love ...Kagemusha and His Blue Slurpee!

Yummi Yogurt

[Dairy Card]

And finally, we find that no Yugi-Oh-Oh! character is sacred, not even Yami Yugi, as the Dannon company changes him into ...Yummy Yogurt!

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THERE'S A NEW MOVIE ABOUT ABOUT A SUPER-HERO WHO WANTS TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FROM EVIL — BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE HE WANTS EVEN MORE: HE WANTS TO SCORE WITH GIRLS! THAT'S RIGHT, THIS SUPER-HERO IS LIKE A DOG IN HEAT! HE'S ONE HORNY DEVIL — THAT'S WHY WE CALL HIM...

Writer: Barry "Dare" Dutter
Artist: Bradford X Hess

DEVILDAWG

I'M ***DEVIL-DAWG***, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR! I'M THE WORLD'S FIRST BLIND SUPER-HERO!

AND IT'S A GOOD THING I'M BLIND, SO I CAN'T SEE HOW ***STUPID*** I LOOK IN THIS COSTUME!

EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T SEE, I HAVE A RADAR SENSE THAT LETS ME SENSE THINGS — LIKE I CAN TELL IF WOMEN ARE WEARING THONGS!

I'M ***BULLSHOT***, THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST ASSASSIN!

I ALSO BANGED ***BRITNEY SPEARS!*** THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS MOVIE — I JUST LIKE TO BRAG!

I'M THE ***BLINGPIN!*** I'M THE BOSS OF ALL THE GANGS IN NEW YORK!

I'M ***MARTIN SCORCESE!*** I THOUGHT I WAS THE BOSS OF ALL ***THE GANGS OF NEW YORK!***

YOU SEEM LIKE A PRETTY ***GOOD FELLA*** — BUT I'M IN CHARGE HERE!

I'M ***SELECTRA***, THE NINJA ASSASSIN! MY IDEA OF A GOOD FIRST DATE IS GETTING IN A BIG KUNG FU FIGHT WITH THE GUY!

IT'S NO WONDER I DON'T GET MANY SECOND DATES!

I'M ***FROGGY*** SMELSON, THE COMIC RELIEF SIDEKICK!

JUST MY LUCK, I ALWAYS ARRIVE AT THE "ALL YOU CAN EAT" BUFFET JUST ***AFTER*** THE ***BLINGPIN!!***

OUR STORY BEGINS IN A CHURCH, AS A DESPERATE DEVIL-DAWG SEEKS HELP...
FATHER, I NEED YOUR HELP!
DON'T WORRY, MY SON. I ENJOY TAKING IN TROUBLED YOUNG MEN!
UH OH — I THINK I PICKED THE WRONG CHURCH!
FATHER, I FEEL A FLASHBACK COMING ON. IT WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED!
IS THIS GOING TO TAKE LONG?
I HAVE TO GET TO THE ALTAR BOY'S HOT OIL WRESTLING MATCH AT 10:00!
ONCE, I WAS A YOUNG BOY NAMED MUTT MURDAWG. I LIVED WITH MY DAD, A PRIZE FIGHTER...
SON, I WANT YOU TO PROMISE YOU WON'T BE LIKE ME!
YOU MEAN A BOOZY, WASHED-UP HAS-BEEN WHO LOSES EVERY FIGHT?
WELL, THAT'S NOT EXACTLY HOW I WOULD'VE PUT IT... BUT, YES!
ONE DAY I WAS PLAYING IN TRAFFIC... AND GOT TOXIC WASTE SPILLED IN MY FACE!
OUCH! THESE CHEMICALS REALLY HURT!
LUCKY FOR ME THEY'LL JUST BLIND ME, AND THEY WON'T LEAVE ANY SCARS ON MY PRETTY FACE!
I'D HATE TO END UP LOOKING LIKE THE TOXIC AVENGER!
I WOKE UP IN A HOSPITAL BED.
I'M BLIND, BUT NOW I HAVE A RADAR SENSE THAT LETS ME SEE THINGS!
I'VE ALSO DEVELOPED A HEIGHTENED SENSE OF GAYDAR — AND FRANKLY, I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT SOME OF THE MALE NURSES IN THIS HOSPITAL!
MY LIFE WAS NEVER THE SAME AFTER THAT.
COME ON, DAD! YOU CAN BEAT THIS GUY!
THE KID'S FACING THE WRONG WAY.
I KNOW! WE DON'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL HIM!

LATER . . .
MY DAD DIDN'T JUST GET KNOCKED OUT -- HE GOT RUBBED OUT!
AT LEAST, I THINK THAT'S MY DAD! I'M NOT SURE! IT COULD JUST BE SOME WINO I STUMBLED OVER!
LIKE ALL GREAT SUPER-HEROES, I WAS NOW AN ORPHAN. BUT I DECIDED THAT WASN'T SUCH A BAD THING. HEY, IT WORKED FOR BATMAN, SUPERMAN, AND SPIDER-MAN!
LEAPIN' LIZARDS, HE'S RIGHT!
I DECIDED TO USE MY POWERS TO FIGHT CRIME!
BY DAY, I'M A LAWYER, WHO TRIES TO WIN HIS BATTLES IN COURT.
BY NIGHT, I'M A COSTUMED VIGILANTE WHO BEATS THE SNOT OUT OF ANYONE I FAIL TO CONVICT!
IT'S A WELL-BALANCED LIFE!
MUTT, WE NEED TO MAKE MORE MONEY! OUR CLIENTS ARE PAYING US IN CARP! WITH CARP! I SAID CARP!!!
FROGGY, YOU SAID THAT THREE TIMES!
I KNOW! I ONLY HAVE ONE JOKE IN THIS MOVIE, I WANNA MILK IT FOR ALL ITS WORTH!
FROGGY, DID A BEAUTIFUL GIRL JUST WALK INTO THE DINER?
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
I HEAR YOUR HEART POUNDING...
I SMELL HER PERFUME...
AND MOSTLY, MY RADAR SENSE HAS PICKED UP SOME ACTIVITY IN YOUR PANTS I'D RATHER NOT DISCUSS!
YOU'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET A GIRL'S PHONE NUMBER, WON'T YOU?
COME ON, GIVE ME A CHANCE! HAVEN'T YOU EVER BEEN ON A "BLIND DATE?"

SELECTRA, BY TOUCHING YOUR FACE, IT ALLOWS ME TO "SEE" WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE.
SO WHY ARE YOU TOUCHING MY BREASTS TOO?
HEY, HOW ABOUT A LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR THE BLIND GUY HERE!
IT'S RAINING. WE SHOULD GO INSIDE.
NO, WE NEED TO STAY UP HERE. SPIDER-MAN HAD A "KISSING IN THE RAIN" SCENE IN HIS MOVIE, SO WE NEED ONE, TOO!
I SHOULD GO. I HAVE AN EMERGENCY.
OR YOU COULD STAY HERE AND WE COULD SHAG SOME MORE!
WHAT THE HELL, I'LL STAY! HECK, EVEN SPIDER-MAN DIDN'T GET ANY NOOKIE IN HIS MOVIE!
WELL, WELL — IF IT ISN'T WILSON FRISK — THE KINGPIN OF CRIME!
THAT GUY IS MONEY! HE'S SO MONEY, AND HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IT!
WHY ARE YOU DOING YOUR OLD SHTICK FROM SWINGERS?
I'M SICK OF MAKING CARP JOKES!
BULLSHOT, YOU'RE THE WORLD'S GREATEST ASSASSIN. THEY SAY YOU CAN KILL A MAN WITH A PAPER CLIP!
'AT'S RIGHT, MATE. WHEN I STEAL OFFICE SUPPLIES, IT GETS DANGEROUS!
KINGPIN
I WANT YOU TO KILL SELECTRA'S FATHER!
YOU GOT IT, MATE! I'LL OFF THAT BUGGER WITH A STAPLER AND TWO RUBBER BANDS WHILE DRINKING A PINT OF GUINNESS!
DEVIL-DAWG! YOU KILLED MY FATHER!
I DIDN'T DO IT!
REALLY? IS THAT YOUR BILLYCLUB?
NO, I'M JUST HAPPY TO SEE YOU!
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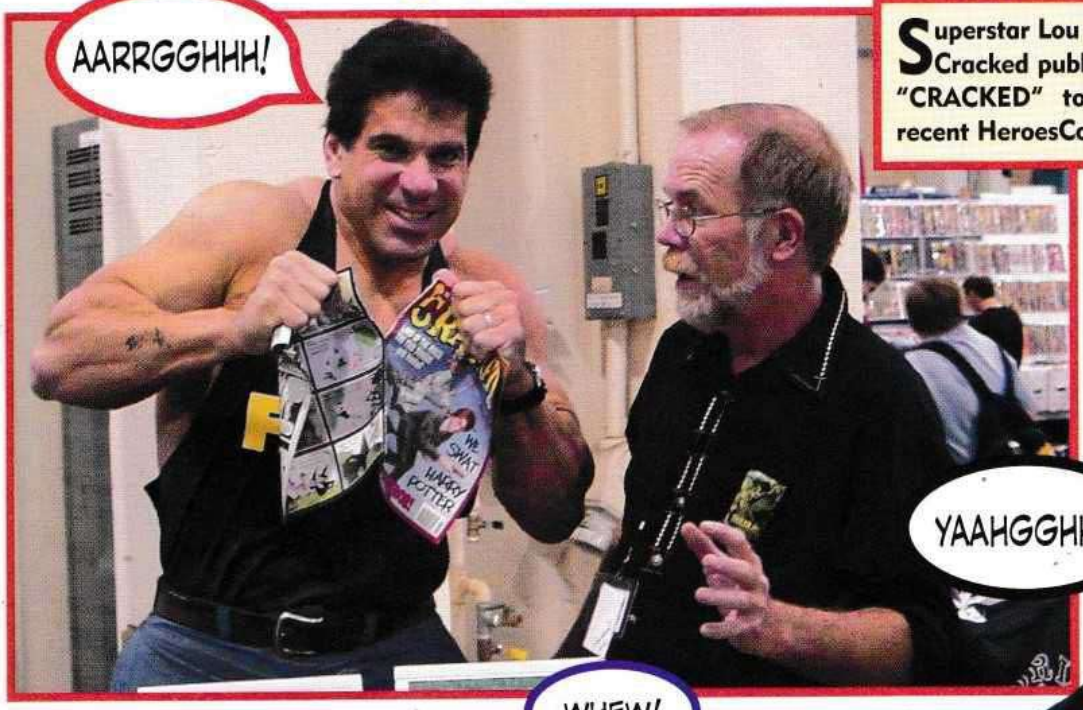
HAH! I'LL TAKE ON BOTH DEVIL-DAWG AND HIS GIRLFRIEND!
YOU KNOW, THIS ISN'T MY IDEA OF A TWO-ON-ONE!
I'LL SHOW YOU BOYS THAT A GIRL CAN BE JUST AS PSYCHOTIC AS YOU TWO!
I LIKE THIS GIRL! I'D LIKE TO HAVE A FEW PINTS WITH HER, AFTER I KILL HER!
TAKE THAT, DEVIL-DAWG! NOW I HAVE MY REVENGE!
AGH!!
I KEEP TELLING YOU, I DIDN'T KILL YOUR FATHER!
THIS ISN'T ABOUT THAT. I'M JUST MAD BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T CALL ME THE NEXT DAY AFTER WE SLEPT TOGETHER!
SELEKTRA, I GUESS YOUR DADDY NEVER TOLD YOU...
..IF YOU RUN AROUND WITH THOSE POINTY KNIVES, YOU COULD GET ACCIDENTALLY STABBED THROUGH THE HEART!
UGH! AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT MONOBROW OF YOURS ANYMORE!
WELL, MY GIRLFRIEND IS DEAD NOW AND MY ENEMIES, ARE STILL ALIVE.
WHICH MEANS THAT, LIKE JAMES BOND, I'LL HAVE LOVE SCENES WITH A NEW HOTTIE,
AND UNLIKE BATMAN, I STILL HAVE SOME GOOD VILLAINS FOR THE SEQUEL!
BUT NOW I HAVE TO UNDERTAKE MY MOST DANGEROUS ADVENTURE YET...
...GETTING MARRIED TO J.LO!
HE'S MARRYING HER? WOW! HE REALLY IS THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
AND THAT'S NOT JUST A LOAD OF CARP!
The End

Take a look at some of the big stars we caught with America's #1 humor mag!

The Cracked Lens



Superstar Lou "Incredible Hulk" Ferrigno stunned Cracked publisher Dick Kulpa when he changed "CRACKED" to "RIPPED" at North Carolina's recent HeroesConvention for comics fans!

The "in thing" to do: Wrestling sensation Raven applies his own moves to America's #1 humor mag at CCC Promotions' South Florida Comics Con in June. Luckily, he didn't eat it!

After all those CRACKED mutilations Kulpa sought refuge with the Florida 501st Storm Trooper Garrison!

COSMIC COMICS owner Jim Brocius, right, learns the hard way why CRACKED is so Cracked, as demonstrated during a recent visit to his Las Vegas store by Crackedheads Barry Dutter, left, and Scott Gosar.

The real VIPs — our readers! Delvin P., Michael S. and Matthew R. take in CRACKED!

WHAT'S HIS SECRET?

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